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VALUE OF THE NEGRO VOTE

"WHAT SHALL THE HARVEST BE?" THE SONG OF THE ANXIOUS.

THE CABINET CONSIDERATION

The Agitation May Not Lend a Portfolio, but will do no Harm—Value of the Negro Vote—Some Sober Views on Office Seeking and Civil Service Reform—Light on the Recordership of Deeds and its Complications—Col. Knox of Indiana, a Prime Favorite—Men to Whom the New Executive May Give Ear-notes and Comment—Gossip of the Hour.

Washington, D. C., Special.

The election is over, the shoutihg is practically at an end, and the business before the house is now erystallizing into a more or less systematic movement to properly and equitably bestow the fruits of victory. As President elect McKinley is strongly committed by his platform to the continuance, and even extension of the nations present well regulated civil service policy, the places to be destributed to the rank and file are greatly diminished, but the result will insure immeasurably to the peace and comfort of the heads of the various departments, who will thus be relieved of a goodly share of the pressure sustained by former officials. The quadreniual rush to Washington of hordes of applicants for positions, the feverish waiting weeks and weeks for coveted plums, ending in disappointment in nine cases out of ten, is an unwholesome feature of changing administrations, and if the civil service law tends to check this indiscriminate thirst for the miscellaneous public trough, it will not have been enacted in vain. Those who have alternately laughed and shuddered at Hoyt's political travesty, "A Texas Steer," will appreciate the force of this unhappy condition, and will welcome a day when the price of loyalty to sound economies will cease to breed a mania for petty clerkships in exchange for the dignity of honorable private employment in the states.

Office seeking and office holding is a rightful heritage of American citizenship, but those who are candid enough to confess the truth, will testify that the ordinary Washington position is "not what it is cracked up to be." Old stagers hereabouts will say to young men in distant states, "If you have a fair job, local influence, and a chance to make yourself felt in a business or professional way, you will do well to remain where you are, if you desire official recognition, the state capitol county court house, and local federal building affairs, a far more profitable and inviting field than the place possibly within your reach in the District of Columbia. This is the Gospel truth but the counsel will be wasted, no doubt, and the fourth of March will witness the usual army of expectants, who will, as others have done before them, march up the hill and then march down again." There will be no wholesale slaughter of incumbents and the successful aspirants for clerkships, messengerships, watchmen and routine work, outside of the Capitol building, will find their royal road through the civil service examination. Under this condition the colored man's interest will not suffer, for the records show that since the advent of the merit system, more Negroes have secured responsible positions than under the era of political "pulls" and the grade of men thus appointed have been of a superior quality. It is, indeed, an "ill wind that blows nobody good."

THE CABINET QUESTION AND SOME LEADERS.

It is quite likely, however, that the Negro will be very liberally treated in the more exalted walks of political preferment, and it speaks well for the race's self-respect that it is aiming high. The best thing available is none too good. The absorbing question, since the appearance of The Washington Post's famous editorial of November 7th, has been, shall the Negro be accorded a place in the cabinet of Mr. McKinley. The columns of the Post have teemed almost daily with cards, wise and otherwise, discussing the probabilities pro and con, and the Press of both races thoughout the land have commented freely upon the subject As to the Negroes deserts there is but one side to the question. His vote in convention gave the Republican party its winning issue, and his ballot at the polls in the doubtful states, gives Mr. KcKinley his electoral majority. The Negro, therefore, like illustrous McGregoy, should sit very near the head of the table. The social problem faces the cabinet possibilities of the race, however, like a nightmare, and it is doubtful if any party at this stage of affairs will have the courage to face the storm that such a recognition would render invitable. The exposition of the Negro's share in the recent victory will do no harm, however, and an aggressive stand will no doubt result in landing more and better places than have heretofore been allotted to us. It is openly talked among the leaders that in lien of a cabinet portfolio, the race might be given an assistant secretaryship of the Interior or Navy Departments, some distinguished Negro lawyer could be made an Assistant Attorney General or a noted instructor might be called to an important post in the Bureau of Education. The usual conselor and diplomatic appointments will come as a matter of course. This cabinet gossip, whatever its outcome, has demonstrated a cohesive quality in the ranks of the race that bespeaks brighter days. The hearty encomium bestowed upon men of national prominence, who have served faithfully and creditably wherever placed, denotes that we still retain confidence in the efficacy of race leadership.

The good words spoken of Messrs. B. K. Bruce, Booker T. Washington, John M. Langston and Richard T. Greener for cabinet honors are deserved tributes to splendidly—equipped, and in every sense, typical Afro-American stalwarts. In another direction, a healthful influence is evidenced in the applause which follows the mention of the able and courageous Negro journalists and business and professional men like George L. Knox. of Indiana, H. C. Smith, of Ohio, E. H. Morris of Illinois, Isaac H. Smith of North Carolina, J. B. Raymond of Pennsylvania, C. W. Anderson and T. Thomas Fortune of New York, M. W. Gibbs of Arkansas, John Mitchell of Virginia, and a score of lesser lights in the various states. The District of Columbia is usually treated apart, and it adds to the above galaxy such leaders as Robt H. Terrell, L. C. Bailey, Edward E. Cooper, Col. P. H. Carson, W. Calvin Chase, E. M. Hewlett, and M. M. Holland, Hon. John R. Lynch and Col. P. B. S. Pinchback are names to conjure with, and we have a habit of accrediting them to the country-at-large. These are race leaders much as the term may be decried, and it is fair to assume that from their rands will be chosen the star actors in the coming quadrenuial drama. This is no time for reckless experiment.

RECORDERSHIP OF DEEDS.

For this highly-prized office it is easier to say who are not candidates than to give the list of those who might be prevailed upon to accept. It is a good place, and the $4,000 attachment is calculated to make the average politicians' mouth water, and keep him awake of nights testing the weight of his endorsements. This office promises to be one of the most difficult "bones of contention" that the new administration will be called upon to face, and if Mr McKinley satisfies everybody, past diplomatic feats will pale into insignificance. Aside from candidates from twenty states, perhaps, the District claims it as purely local preserves, and threatens to fight the confirmation of any outsider. The real strength of this opposition can only be determined by a trial. Another point brought is that the Hon. C. H. J. Taylor the present Recorder, is a staunch gold Democrat, and is the most conspicious of colored Democrats, who repudiated the Chicago platform. As white gold Democrats are to be rewarded, is it not possible that McKinley may recognize the Negro wing of the "boltocrats" by the indefinite retention of Mr. Taylor? If permitted to simply complete his term, he will have one year from next May to serve. Others claim that President Cleveland will, in the closing days of his official life, handsomely provide for Recorder Taylor's future, and if true, the "battle royal" for the possession of the northwest corner of the District court house will be open to all comers early in the day. The District, of course, will have candidates of both races, but if McKinley sees fit to go to the country for a choice, complaints will be useless. There is no suffrage here, and no penalty follows a disregard of local wishes. If an "outsider" is to be chosen, all agree that the successful man should hail from a doubtful state—a necessary contributor to Republican succees. No state answers to this description better than Indiana. No Afro-American is stronger there among the business, professional and religious classes than the Hon. George L. Knox, and his sterling Republicanism, party prominence and national acquaintance would make him a popular appointee. As publisher of The Freeman he has done yeoman service for the ticket, he has won a warm place in the hearts of the journalistic craft and his successful management of so pretentions a paper, tiding over the strugent times without missing an issue or a mail, is in itself aside from two other large enterprises, a testimonial to his remarkable executive capacity. He was the pioneer of the Indiana McKinley boom and worked without reward up to the night of election for the triumph of his favorite. But more about him later. If a change is to be made, and the Recordership goes outside the District, I believe Mr. Knox's selection would be in every way, acceptable to Washington's best citizens. The voicing of Mr. Knox's claims and qualifications is in no sense, a disparagement of the fitness of the many other worthy men, who aspire to record the deeds of the District of Columbia, and that gentleman would not countenance a dishonorable act to advance his candidacy. He enters the lists bidding for fair play, and his friends are satisfied to have the best man win.

NOTES AND COMMENT.

A musical festival is in the wind for March 5. Paul Dunbar appears on the 15th for the benefit of the Manassas Industrial school.

Freedman's Hospital is now under the civil service rules, from surgeon-in-chief to trained nurses.

Recorder Taylor is taking things easy these days, and allows the other fellows to do the worrying.

St. Luke's Men's Guild, with Bethel and the Second Baptist lyceums, form the three great centers of intellectual activity in Washington. It is presenting choice programs monthly.

Lawyer E. M. Hewlett and M. M. Holland are being pushed by their faiends for the forthcoming vacant police judgeship.

A new church, Congregational in creed, has been projected. It is called the University Park Temple, and its promoters represent some of Washington's strongest moral and

"Black Patti's Troubadours" appeared at the Grand the week of the 7th headed by Mme. Sissieretta Jones, Cole and Wiley, the De Wolfe Sisters, May Bohee, supplemented by a strong chorus.

Miss Emma A. Bayward of Philadelphia, is winning deserved laurels as a balladist, and draws large houses wherever she appears. She is one of the most graceful, piquant and accomplished singers the race has produced.

Miss Myrtle Hart of Indianapolis, Ind., the race's highly accomplished harpist, gave a recital to 2,000 people at Metropolitan A. M. E. church, Nov. 27. She achieved an artistic, social and financial triumph.

Robert Terrell, of whom we have frequently spoken as a chaste, clean-cut and forcible writer, is contributing some unusally racy matter to the current journals, and is standing firmly for the best interests of the colored people. Mr. Terrell will be "one of the chosen," or we are no prophet.

Prof. R. T. Greener's recent speech here was a splendid effort and attracted more comment than any recent deliverance, partially because of his national reputation, and because of the boldness and frankness of his argument along disputed lines. Prof. Greener is one of the best posted men in America on economic, sociological and political science.

Flora Batson appeared at Metropolitan church on the 3rd, but the event was marred by a gloomy argument about finances. Rumors point to a separation between the noted diva and her erstwhile husband and manager, J. G. Bergen. A new director is in charge, and assumes future contracts. The situation is to be regretted.

intellectual forces. Prominent among the "charter membership" are the families of Hon. B. K. Bruce, R. H. Terrell, Prof. L. B. Moore, John M. Langston, J. M. Childs, J. M. Bonner,

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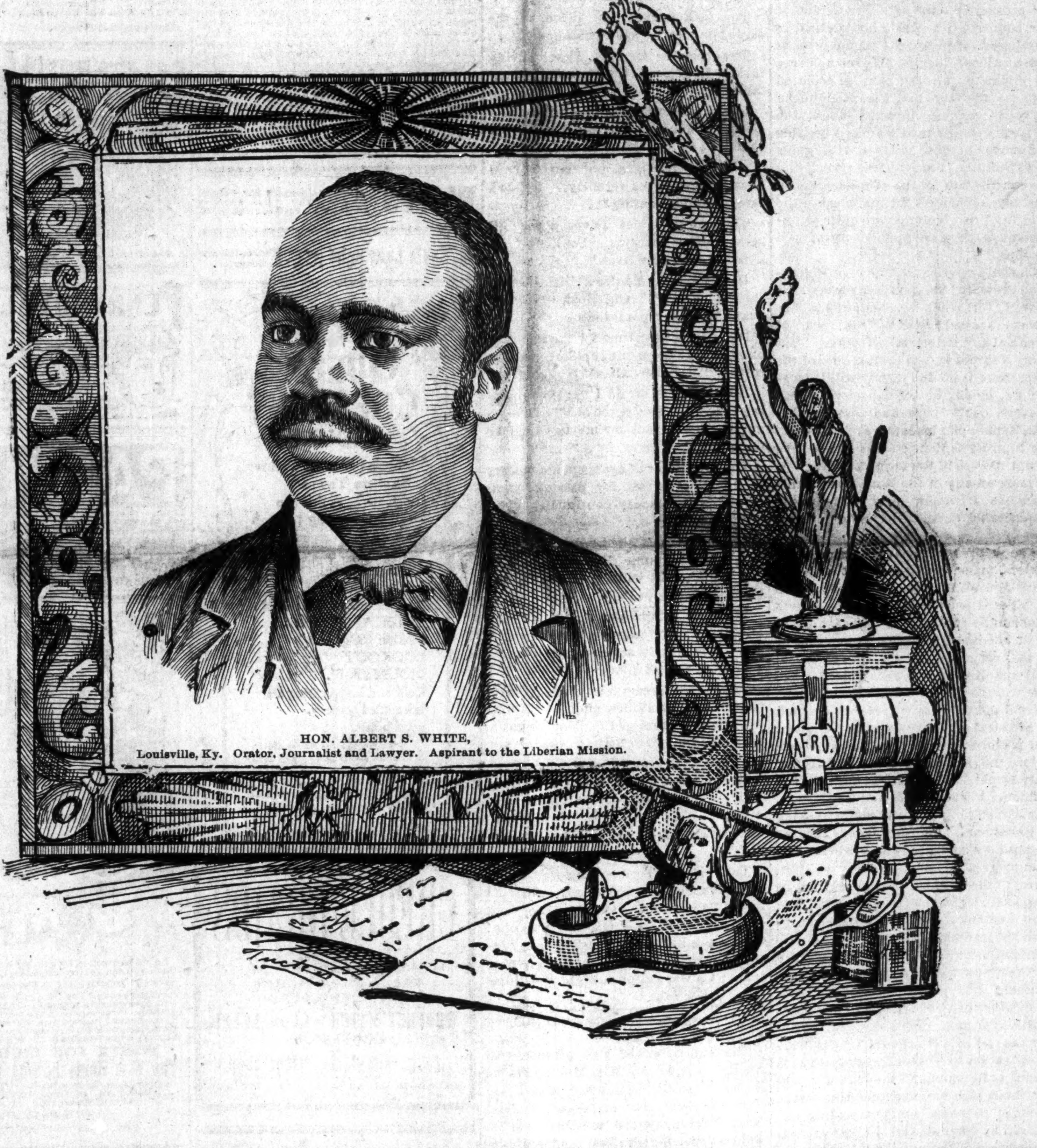

HON. ALBERT S. WHITE,
Louisville, Ky. Orator, Journalist and Lawyer. Aspirant to the Liberian Mission.

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KENTUCKY'S CHOICE FOR THE LIBERIAN MISSION.

Orator, Journalist, Lawyer and Dean of a Negro Law School—Endorsed by the Press, People and Eminent Republican Leaders.

Hon. Albert S. White, the foremost and ablest Negro lawyer practicing law in the state of Kentucky, was born in the city of Louisville back in the sixties, and belongs to the new leaders of the race, and though young in years, is a Sampson in achievements. Kentucky presents him as her candidate for the Liberian Mission, and if President-elect McKinley gives him the place, he will make an appointment that will add credit to his administration, and reward a man who has done heroic service for the g. o. p. Mr. White received his preliminary education in the public schools of Louisville, after which he entered the State University of Kentucky, and graduated with distinction. After the completion of his studies in the University, he took a special course in mathematics and language at Washington, D. C., under private tutors, and later on entered Howard University Law school, from which institution he graduated with honors in 1891. Returning to Kentucky, he applied for admission to the bar and passed a successful examination. Mr. White's wife was Miss Sallie J. Seals, a daughter of the late Rev. George W. Seals, a prominent Baptist minister. Mrs. White was educated at Fisk University, and is a lady of great culture and ability. They have two interesting little daughters. Mr. White has been sworn in as a practicing attorney in the Court of Appeals and the United States courts, and his fame as a lawyer is known throughout the state. He has handled many important criminal and civil cases. His most noteworthy cases were those of Fred Giles and Walter Stewart, charged with murder. In the Stewart case he hung three juries and saved his client's neck.

When the Business department was added to the State University, of Louisville, he was called on to fill the chair of Lecturer on Contracts and Commercial Paper. At the same time he was a lecturer in the Central Law school on Criminal Law and Evidence. Three years ago he was made Dean of this institution, and fills this position now. His standing as a lawyer may be realized when it is remembered that he has been placed on committees to examine applicants for admission to the bar. He started life as a newspaper writer, and has been editor of several journals. He is a prominent member of the U. B. F.'s, Odd Fellows and other secret societies. He is at present secretary and agent of the consolidated lodges of Odd Fellows, incorporated, consisting of twelve lodges and 900 members. He is a Baptist and at one time he was president of the Y. M. C. A.

He is one of the finest orators in Kentucky and has been heard in many states of the union. He has been a hard worker for the Republican party since old enough to vote, and with tongue and pen, and often at great sacrifice, has battled for its success. In the recent campaign he stumped the states of Kentucky and Indiana for the Republican electors, and his able, eloquent and scholarly speeches on the money and tariff questions, wrung tributes of praise from our friends, the enemy. Kentucky, as a unit, stands behind him for the position of Minister to Liberia; she has no other candidate for the place, and no one else is thought of; "White is the man," can be heard on all sides. The Negroes of Kentucky, to the tune of 66,000 votes, stood by McKinley and Hobart, and as we have never before received recognition of this character from a national administration, now is the time. Should Mr. White fail to secure the appointment, there will certainly be great disappointment in this state. He was an original McKinley man, one of the first to urge the availability of the great Ohioan as a Presidential candidate, and if McKinley is going to stand by his friends, he'll appoint Albert S. White as our next representative at the Liberian Republic. He is backed by some of the most eminent Republicans in the land, and his success seems assured. ISAM C. TOWNSEND,

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The Race Leader.

Chatham, Ont., Special.

Sunday last was quarterly meeting day. Prof. Daniel Eddie preached at 11 a. m. and gave us a soul-stirring sermon. After service all took The Freeman from the pastor Sunday school convened at 2 p. m., which was well attended. Papers were read by Bro. Alexander Eddie and others. At 3 p. m. a sacramental sermon was preached by Rt. Rev. J. C. Wilmore. At 7:30 at the Y. M. C. A. meeting a gold pen was presented to our readers, and at 8 p. m. the pastor delivered a special sermon. Every department of our church is alive. Miss Francis Scott addressed the Sunday school in a very appropriate manner. Miss Scott is much loved by the school. Prof. Daniel is busy looking after the welfare of The Freeman. He is trying to get up clubs. He wants every person to subscribe for the noble race teacher. It is a welcome in his class, church and house. "We want 30 or 40 subscribers soon as possible, says Prof. Eddie. Through the columns of this paper we learn of our people in other states. Young men and women in order to advance our people to a higher thought of action and living read The Freeman."

THE NEGRO IN THE COUNCILS

OF THE PARTY—THE RECENT REPUBLICAN VICTORY.

Shaping Policies and Creating Issues—Colored Orators Showed Much Ability in the Discussions—A Negro For the Cabinet.

Editor Freeman:

For the first time since the foundations of our government were laid the question of giving the cabinet of the president of the United States a mahogany finish is seriously considered, The names most prominently mentioned by the Negro press of the country, are those of Senator B. K. Bruce, Booker T. Washington and Hon. John M. Langston, and the portfolios for which our journalistic cabinet makers have slated them are either Secretary of Agriculture or Attorney General, One of the surprising things about this discussion is that neither a prominent Negro nor race journal, so far as our information goes, was first to suggest that a cabinet position was due, as a just reward for the loyal an unwavering support which the race gave to the Republican ticket in the late campaign.

The Washington Post, a paper edited by white men and with Democratic leanings, was the first to come forward with the suggestion, since when nearly every race journal in the land has been industriously seconding the motion. There can be no doubt that the colored Republicans deserve to be handsomely remembered at the hands of the incoming administration. They were for McKinley and gold at the St. Louis convention, and contributed as largely as any factor there, to the passage ot the sound money plank of the Republican platform and the nomination of Major McKinley to the presidency. From the adjournment of that convention, until the day that the polls closed, they stood for him and for the platform in solid phalanx, uncorrupted by money, unawed by threats and unchanged in their convictions by the pleas of demagogues.

The colored orators who took part in the discussions showed as much ability and as thorough masterly of every detail of the difficult questions of finance and protection, which were the chief subjects of discussion, as any men who represented the Republican cause in the recent canvas; but not withstanding this fact, while the thousands of our people believed in an honest dollar, and that the protective policy of the Republican party would cause a return of better times, their support was not given so much because ot these things, as because they believed that the interests of the race as well as our common country were more safe in the hands of the Republican party than that of any other party, which was appealing for the suffrage of the people.

The Republican standard bearer in the late campaign and Republican leaders, have been coquetting with the South for a number of years, and regardless of the fact that these states were practicing wholesale nullifications of the ballot, and were stealing from the Republicans scores of congressional districts and whole states, where the majority of these Republicans happened to be black, questions relating to the constitutional rights of the Negro, so far as his rights of franchise is concerned, have been wholly eliminated from political discussion, both upon the stump and in the press. They have studiously avoided giving offence to the South in regard to its treatment of Republicans there, but have counselled the South to drop race issues and unite with them upon the question of protection, and thus bring to that section a new era of material development and financial prosperity.

The New Orleans Item, a few days ago, makes a strong appeal to the men of Louisiana to organize Republican clubs and make a united effort to land that state in the Republican column at the next election, on the ground that the rice and sugar industries can only be made profitable under the policies of the party; and it counsels white men to have no fear of Negro domination, because it says, if white men will thorougly organize the state, that the Negro can be entirely driven from power in the party. The article to which I refer dealt chiefly with the material development of the state and was intended to show that by these means, that is by the Republican policy, it could be accomplished, and at the same time the Negro driven from power in the party. The Chicago Inter-Ocean in commenting upon the editorial, concludes its comment by saying, that the Item gives to the people of New Orleans good and practical advice. We construed this utterance of the Inter-Ocean as seconding the advice of the New Orleans Item with reference to throwing the colored Republicans overboard, and immediately wrote the editor of the Inter-Ocean, asking him if his paper, which for so long had been such a staunch friend of the race, was about to do that which many thoughtful and intelligent colored men so long feared, viz., to be entirely indifferent to the interests of the Negro, if by leaving out of all consideration his interests, the support of the southern states, could be won.

The editor of the Inter-Ocean immediately replied, saying "I am glad you called my attention to the unfortunate sentence in the article quoted from the New Orleans Item. When this article was handed in that sentence as to driving the Negro from power was crossed out by the revising editor and there was certainly no intent of the Inter-Ocean printing any sentence of the kind, but in some way the pencil mark was not followed and the objectionable sentence appeared. We will make the correction, because as you say, we cannot afford to be misunderstood on such an important question."

It is clear from this that the friendly attitude of the Inter-Ocean towards the race has not changed, yet she is swift to encourage the Item to lead Louisiana planters into the Republican party, and the Item says it can only be done by driving the Negro from power. The South needs material development, and many of her leaders concede that the policy of the Republican party is best to aid her in securing this development, but she would rather remain poor than risk that southern myth, Negro domination, for it is only a myth. There is no danger of the Negroes dominating the South, or any other section of this country. America is a new country, largely an undeveloped country. The southern states were among the first portions of it to be settled and brought under cultivation, yet it is today the poorest and most backward. Those states and the millions of our people there, need the touch of northern thrift and of progressive ideas. We desire the prosperity alike of every section of our country, but we do not desire to purchase that prosperity at the price of constitutional liberty. We see no cause for rejoicing, on the part of colored men, in the fact that the Republican party is making inroads upon the Southern states until we shall be able to discover in those states a willingness to respect life, liberty, free speech and the constitution of the United States. The development ot the manhood of the South and its protection are quite as important as the development of its rice swamps.

The ship-of-state will have a Republican crew for the next four years. It is well, for when so manned she has always steered clear of the rocks of financial and industrial disaster. That many Negroes will be invited aboard the ship, there is no doubt, but will it be as of yore, chiefly in the capacity of coal heavers, cabin boys and roustabouts? The Republican leaders have addressed the Negroes as their colored allies. We resent the use of the term. The Negro is no more an ally of the Republican party than the Irishman is an ally of the Democratic party. He is an integral part of it

The colored newspapers and colored leaders, many of whom until the recent campaign were unknown to the arena of national politics, but who have back of them the rank and file, have a right to sit in council with the powers that be as the recognition that is to be accorded. Major McKinley didn't play the demagogue with the Negro before the election; he will not do so now. He is devoted to the idea of protection. It is not in our power to change the issues that are before the American people. It is our duty as patriotic Americans to use our influence toward their just settlement, but while doing this and while seeking to gratify ambition for place which we do not here condemn, there are matters of such great moment to every vital interest of the race that they should not be neglected. The colored press and those who assume to be, or who are recognized as leaders of the race, should use their influence in shaping Republican policies, now that every branch of government has passed to our control, along lines of vital interest of our race. This is far more important that dividing the spoils. We should urge the administration to discountenance by all means at its command the barbaric legislation which has disgraced the statue books of so mnny southern states, and to use its power against the further consummation of these political infamies. We should guard in the future the personality of the Supreme Court of the United States. Do as other interests do. When men are mentioned for appointment there, whom we have reason to believe would be unfriendly to our interests, raise a storm of protest.

Not only this but we should begin now to prepare for the battle of 1900 and whatever the issue before the people, however, the lines of battle may be arrayed for that contest, we should take a hand in forming those lines of battle, by insisting that victory for us meant along with the triumph of financial and industrial politics; the enforcement of the constitution in every portion of the national domain; that wholesome disfranchisement by the revision of state constitutions, be held as a conflict with the constitution of the United States; that it is just as much a function of government to use its power for the protection of life, as it is to use it for the transmission of a letter through the mails. These are vital questions to the race. It will matter little to the millions that a few Negroes are provided with a fat political job, but offences against political rights, and lawless assaults depriving men of life and the pursuit of happiness which the government has tolerated in silence for so long are of vital interest to all.

Rev. Reverdy C. Ransom,
Bethel A. M.E. Church, Chicago, Ill.

Grapes are still good.

The turkey breathes easier.

Football locks are being shown.

It's all over—a woman's secret.

The turkey wears a distressed look.

A man of means is frequently a mean man.

Summer clothes were seasonable yesterday.

Opera glasses—The drinks between the acts.

Ante-Christmas lovers' quarrels are about due.

"Butterfly's Breath" is the name of a new perfume.

It makes a pugilist groggy to get a hot punch in his stomach.

The trouble with the Horn of Plenty is that it is so easily blown in.

The turkey takes the place of the eagle temporarily as the national bird.

The remains of the Thanksgiving turkey linger on the boarding-house table.

Life is uncertain, and the fellow who goes to a church fair must take his chances.

A Kensington matron named Deal gave birth to twins recently. Is this a case of double dealing?

"Lots ob men dat drives a coach," says Brother Watkins, "couldn't drive a nail to save dere lives."

De Tanque—"You're a little hoarse this morning." Old Soak—"Yes; I drank too many ponies last night"

It is pretty near time for the debut of another of those unpopular popular songs. "Paradise Alley" is ageing.

Editor—"I'm afraid I have no opening for you. You're too old." Octogenarian—"Why not try me in your joke departme

The proprietor of a phosphate factory is liable to arrest for passing bogus money. His place is continually gives out a bad scent.

"Never judge a girl by her letters," says the Manayunk Philosopher. The girl who is short will sometimes add the longest postscript."

She—"What did you think of Mrs. Decolatay's airy costume at the opera?" He—"She didn't appear to be clothed even in her right mind."

"Eating ice cream this weather," says the Manayunk Philosopher. "Is like kissing a Boston girl. You've got to take a drink after both to warm you up."

Mr. Knight—"Hello, Day. I hear you went broke playing poker last night." Mr. Day—"Well, it wasn't exactly last night. It was the break of day."

Tatterdon Torn—"Mister, won't you give me the price of a lodgin'? I haven't slept for six days." Benevolent Old Gentleman—"Good gracious! Here's a dollar. Is it possible such destitution exists?" Tatterdon Torn—"Yes; I always sleep at night."—Philadelphia Record.

Bicyclists Seriously Injured.

St. Louis, Mo., Special.

The sum of $26.87 was presented to St. Paul Chapel by Miss Melone Macklin on behalf of the Sunday school. A very fine lamp was presented to Mrs. Rosa Taylor by the members of St. Paul Chapel for services rendered during their last rally. The Central Baptist literary had their election of officers Monday night, Nov. 23. Chas. Dupee was elected president; Augustus Barron, vice president. J. M. Arbuckle is still holding the fort at Elliott avenue church as president of Epworth League. Mr Arbuckle prides himself on being the best literary journalist in the city. Our Dumas night school is making quite a name for itself under the direction of Principal J. W. Ferguson, assisted by Mrs. Rector. The bicyclists are on the wane at present. Chas. Stewart was out Sunday. By the way, wonder what has become of Jack Cage, Abe First, Charles Smith, Geo. B. Jones, Johnny Harris, and H. H. Jones? A bicyclist while scorching, down Morgan street, ran into a wagon and was impaled on the shaft which entered his right breast three inches and penetrated his lung. He is doing nicely now. Swift's Shakesperian Dramatic Co., the only colored company of its kind in the world, made a decided hit here in two grand concerts. Mr. Swift is a young man who should be encouraged. The Forum Club, which is composed of St. Louis' representative colored citizens, is doing a great work for the young Negro. It has secured a clerkship for a colored man in one of the finest shoe stores in the city, and a drug clerkship for another. Mrs. Henry Mullen, a member of St. Paul's Court, H. of J., is very sick at 2222 Morgan street. John Downey preached a trial sermon at Central Baptist church recently which was a success. Benj. Barrow has gone into the tailoring and cleaning business The "400" gave a swell ball here on Thanksgiving. Success always follows the "400's" entertainments. Our crack bass singer, P. D. Lundsford, is back in the city. St. Louis has a lot of floating talent at present in the way of musicians, vocalists, etc. Julius Wall and Louis Rector, two B. tenors are opposing each other for first honors.

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There is always more or less suspicion attached to anything that is offered free but sometimes a man so overflows with generosity that he cannot rest until his discovery is known to the world, in order that his fellow men may profit by what he has discovered. It is upon this principal that a resident of Kalamazoo, Mich. desires to send free to mankind a prescription which will cure them of any form of nervous debility; relieves them of all the doubt and uncertainty which such men are peculiarly liable to and restores the organs to natural size and vigor. As it costs nothing to try the experiment it would seem that any man suffering with the nervous troubles that usually attack men who never stopped to realize what might be the final result, ought to be deeply interested in a remedy which will restore them to health, strength and vigor, without which they continue to live an existence of untold misery. As the remedy in question was the result of many years research as to what combination would be peculiarly effective in restoring to men the strength they need, it would seem that all men suffering with any form of nervous weakness ought to write for such a remedy at once. *A request to H. C. Olds, Box 1189, Kalamazoo, Mich., stating that you are not sending for the prescription out of idle curosity, but that you wish to make use of the medicine by giving it a trial,* will be answered promptly and without evidence as to where information came from.

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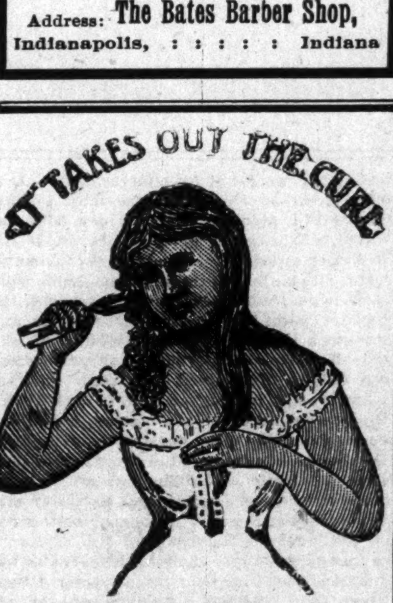
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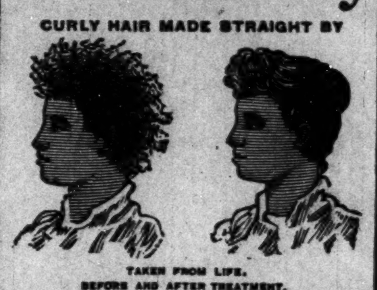

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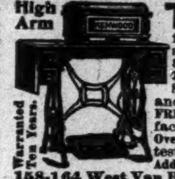

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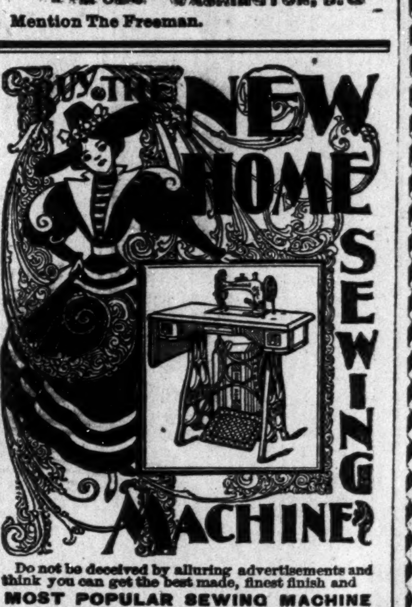
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It is impossible to give in a few words the large amount of work done and the deep impressions made in the sessions that followed. Papers on the various important association topics were read and thoroughly discussed by the delegates, while addresses on subjects affecting the best interest of our young men were made by those who had gladly given their time and presence for that purpose. The bible study was conducted by Rev. Walter H. Brooks, D. D., and the men gained new ideas and inspiration for their several bible classes from his able and practical teachings. Rev. Francis J. Grimke, D. D., in his usual earnest and scholarly manner deeply impressed the conference and its friends by his soul stiring sermon and address. The addresses of Revs. R. H. Bowling and A. L. Gaines, and the kind support of Revs. Richard Spiller and T. Beckett, endeared them to the hearts of the conference.

Rev. H. C. Meserve, president of Shaw University, visited the conference for the purpose of personally inviting it to hold its next sessions within the walls of that famous school. In extending his hearty invitation, President Meserve emphasized the need of closer supervision and the extension of this work among the young men of our race throughout the Southland. Bishop B. W. Arnett delivered the farewell address Sunday afternoon before a large congregation, taking as his subject, "Am I my Brother's Keeper?" Those who heard the Bishop can never forget this address nor the importance and vast influence of the Y. M. C. A. The farewell exercises were deeply impressive.

Mr. Hunton was assisted in directing the conference and in representing the International committee by W. B. Millare, one of its field secretaries, whose earnest words warm sympathetic personality made every man recognize in him a fellow-worker and christian brother. Many courtesies and hospitalities were extended the conference by the Institute and citizens of Hampton, among which may be mentioned a drive to the Soldiers' home, Old Point Comfort and Fortress Monroe; a reception tendered by Mrs. President Frissell, assisted by the ladies of the faculty, and a further reception followed by an elegant tea given by the ladies of Hampton.

Among well known workers present at the conference were: F. D. Wheelock, Captains R. R. Moten and Allen Washington, of Hampton Institute and John H. Gray, president of the Hampton Y. M. C. A., all of whom by the hearty co-operation and effort contributed largely to the success of the conference. R. T. Hill, president of the Richmond association; Prof. N. C. Bruce, of Shaw University; Prof. J. H. M. Butler, of A. and M. College; Messrs. George Murphy and Thomas Smith, of Baltimore, and W. P. Lawrence, S C. Burrell, C. C. Dogan and W. T. Greenwood, general secretaries respectively at Philadelphia, Richmond, Norfolk and Baltimore.

At Home Once More—Notes.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

After a pleasant, but hasty stop in Jacksonville, Bloomington and Tinboln, Ill., I arrived in Atchison on the 20th ult., and have been the guest of the Rev. and Mrs. Parson Twine, 1125 N. Fifth street, whom I am under many obligations to for their kind hospitality. Atchison is an old city and is crowded with the Afro-American, as is all other Missouri river towns and cities. My stay in this city has been a very pleasant one, but owing to the inclement weather and the shortness of my stay, I did not see as much of the city as I otherwise would have done. I had the privilege of attending quarterly meeting at the A. M E, church, and hearing Presiding Elder George Shaffer preach. I also attended Ebenezer Baptist church, which has just been relieved from debt through the decision of the state court, the details of which I am not prepared to give, but suffice to say that the decision of the court relieved the church from $6,000 to $7,000 debt, and there was great rejoicing with both pastor and people over the decision. Times are dull everywhere I go, but people are hopeful that the election of McKinley will restore confidence and business will be better. The weather here indicates that winter has set in and that snow may be expected any time. After leaving Atchison, I arrived at Table Rock, Neb., just in time to meet a delegation of ladies to the W. C. T. U. convention in session in that city, with whom I had a most profitable and instructive meeting. I have long been identified with this organization and am very solicitous for its interest.

I breakfasted in Denver with Mrs. Frank Lightner, and accompanied by Mrs. Wm. Buss, took dinner with Mrs. Samuel Savage, and was accompanied to the depot in the evening by a number of friends. I left Denver via. the Colorado Midland for Leadville, arriving home the following morning at 6:10 in time for an early breakfast—glad and thankful to be at our own fireside again, after being called away so suddenly on such a sad mission.

LEADVILLE (COL.) NEWS.

The Thanksgiving entertainment at the A. M E church was a success financially and otherwise. Rev. J T. Smith went to Aspen on the 28th ult., to hold quarterly meeting. Joe Faulkner is on the sick list. Miss Laura Johnson is in Aspen. Ada Court will give an entertainment on the 14th, inst., to which all are invited. Little Johnie Johnson and Miss Hurmon Jones have recovered from the measels. Mrs. Eliza Toliver and her son James are pleasantly located at their home at 205 W. Sixth street. The A. M. E. church realized $109 from the Thanksgiving supper. Our streets are still being patroled by the state militia, and perhaps will be during the winter. T. S. Stewart has fitted up a residence on W. Fifth street.

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A Pleasant Day.

Wilberforce, O., Special.

Prof. W. S. Scarborough visited Cleveland last week. Dr. J. G. Mitchell is at Yellow Springs. Rev. R. A. Adams paid us a farewell visit this week. He has gone to Mississippi. Rev. Cheatham has been appointed to succeed Bro. Adams at Cedarville. Prof. Jenkins deserves much credit for the earnest efforts he put forth to make Thanksgiving day a pleasant one. The dinner served by him at the University by far exceeded any of previous years. He was ably assisted by Prof. Woodson of the Theological department, and Miss E. L. Jackson, the lady principal. The Cincinnati High school foot ball club played at the University Thanksgiving, ending in a tie. The tie was played on Friday and resulted in a victory for the University team. One of the Cincinnati players was very roughly handled during the second game and had to remain over night, being unable to return home. The Freeman is on sale at Mrs. J. P. Shorter's ladies and gent's furnishing store, Johnson's book store and the seminary. W. L. Board, who won the state prize for oratorical ability last year, was in Xenia Sunday and addressed a large assembly. Mr. Seabrooks has returned from Chicago to enter school. Lieut. Young was tendered a reception last week.

Literary Notes—Personals.

Magnolia, Ark., Special.

The Fred Douglass literary society at the High school is doing nicely. G. M. Miller, the colored foundryman is crowded with orders. He is a credit to the town. The firm of Lowe and Walker tells what the Negro is doing in Arkansas. Not a better class of colored people live than those of Magnolia and Columbia county. The young people are soon to organize a choir to sing for the literary society. The members of St. Phillips A. M. E. church like their new pastor. Rev. Turner, who for two years served the church, goes to Gurdon. Prof. P. S. Bryant smiles over a newly born Bryant. Success to The Freeman.

TOPICS OF FASHION.

Skirts are made without any stiffening; horsehair and all its accompaniments are out of date.

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A great deal of black satin will be worn this winter for evening, and many of the bodices are made with transparent sleeves to the wrist.

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Boleros and zouave jackets, entirely composed of sequins, are made to wear with all kinds of blouses and bodices, and pretty goffered lisse fronts or chiffonette, which is really better wearing, having more substance,

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Chenille cloth is one of the novelties of the year, more calculated to please the eye than to wear well. It has all the appearance of chenille, and the pile is easily pressed down.

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Plaid velvets in light, bright colors are used for vests, collars, revers and belts in wool costumes and again for the entire bodice with cloth sleeves and bolero.

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Silk waists of shot silk, fine velveteen, velvet and corduroy, with the broad turnover linen collar, are as much a feature of morning dress at preseut as the cotton variety in summer.

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Silk petticoats to match the gown, or in a lighter shade of the same color, are the latest fancy, and the usual Spanish flounce trimmed with two or more ruffles is set up on the skirt, which is cut quite full underneath, and fitted like the dress skirt around the hips. Narrow ruffles are added to this, and feather bones are set in across the back to make it stand out.

Prof. Council in Public.

Tuscumbia, Ala., Special.

Prof. W. H. Council, A. M., president of S. N. and I. College, Normal, Ala., delivered a grand and instructive speech to a mixed audience, at Tuscumbia court house on Thanksgiving day. His subject was. "The Negro's relation to the United States Government." The court house was crowded, Some of the best white citizens of the city were among his hearers, and manifested much interest in the able discourse. He also gave an interesting account of his travels across the great Atlantic, in European countries. He is founder and president of the S. N. and I. College of North Alabama, which has a faculty of thirty-five teachers and more than 500 students, representing eighteen states and a part of dark Africa,

One of the grandest weddings ever witnessed in this city was that of J. W, James to Miss Effie M. Goodloe, which occurred Nov. 18 at the A. M. E. church. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. A. Sensbaugh. The brides' costume was of brocaded silk, pearl trimmings and lace. Jewels of pearl was presented by her aunt, Effie Goodloe. The groom presented the bride with a beautiful ring. The ushers were Ross Brown, Eddie Robinson, Sam Finley and Lunn Whitmore. The maids and waiters are as follows: Misses J. S. Meredith, E. M. James, Pearl Ashford, J. L. Smiley, H. H. Scruggins, L. T. Brown, Carrie Ross, Rosie Boston, Messrs. Sterling Kofton, Robert T. Burt, H. C, Rowan, P. M. Casey. The four young ladies marched two by two. The bride was accompanied by her maid, Miss Katie Griffin. The groom by his brother, Isaac James who acted as best man. The maids all wore white mull except two—Miss C. N. Ross, pink crepon, with pink satin ribbon trimmings; Miss J. S. Meredith, cream silk crepon. After the ceremony a grand reception was given at the home of the bride's parents. Supper was served in four courses. Those present were Miss Effie Goodloe of Nashville, Tenn., Mrs. Lawyer Easley of Chattanooga, Tenn., Rev. Johnson, Misses McKey and M. Corpin, of Florence, Ala., and Mrs. A. Wrix, Misses A. Fountain, Mary Ross, R. Wilson, and J. Toums, of Tuscumbia. The presents were handsome. The groom has a beautiful home for his bride. Mrs. Lawyer Easley was the guest of Mrs. Laura B. Meredith. Miss Effie Goodloe was Mrs. Carrie Goodloe guest. Sterling V. Lofton was Mrs. J. Bentley's guests. Prof. W. H. Council, Rev. Northcrosse, Rev. Edmonson, and Wesley Washington of Jackson, Miss., took dinner at the home of Mrs. L. B. Meredith Thanksgiving day. The colored public schools have a new organ. Two grades have been added to the school. Prof. G. W. Trenholm has made quite an impression. Miss A. C. Shortridge visited our city not long ago. There was a double wedding at the Baptist church Thanksgiving night. H. Keller to Miss Fannie Waddle; Mr. Floyd to Miss Mary Walker. Rev. Sensabaugh left last Tuesday for Florence to attend conference.

Thanksgiving Services.

Dyersburg, Tenn., Special.

Thanksgiving services were held at Cumberland Presbyterian church. Rev. Greer, of the C. M. E. church, preached a good sermon. Opening prayer by Rev. W. N. Nevel, pastor A. M. E. church. Welcome address by Rev. W. F. Baker, pastor Baptist church.

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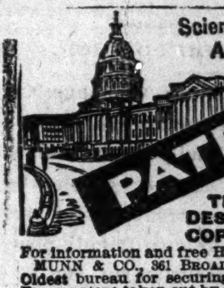

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STATES' VS. FEDERAL RIGHTS.

"Representative Catchings, of Missisissippi, has received a formal notice that his seat in the next Congress will be contested by a colored man named Jones. Mr. Catchings was elected by a vote of something over 3,000, and Jones, his nearest competitor, received but 369 votes. In his notice of contest Jones does not set up the claim that his votes were thrown out or rejected, but he alleges that several thousand Republican colored men were prevented from casting their votes because of the unconstitutionality of the Mississippi registration laws."—Exchange.

This contest can result in nothing more nore less than a test of the constitutionality of the election laws of the state of Mississippi. The result will be awaited with supreme eagerness. In fact it may be concluded that there will be no undue haste in rushing to the settlement of this growing question. Judges will think long before they decide a question that effects so intimately so many people. It may not be fair to assume the knowledge of a verdict beforehand, but it is very likely the result of the decision will be more closely regarded than the justness of it. Not Mississippi alone would come in for consideration, but every Southern state that has made laws that manipulates the result of elections to specific ends. To impugn the motives of the highest tribunal in the land, may be considered fool hardy; but there has been sufficient data in the past to warrant the assumption that the cases of this kind the result has been meum even when a possible teum existed. If it is concluded that states can so regulate and construe its laws for the expressed or understood purpose of disfranchising an implied portion of its citizens, then the colored brother has no case. If the foregoing be true, then that clause of the constitution which refers to the previous condition of servitude, claiming that no rights should be abridged or denied on that score, is null and void, and should have no place in the document. It in spirit and to our way of thinking in the letter, says clearly enough that a man born in slavery is not and could not be a scholar. The law makers of that time saw this and especially refers to a previous conditions of servitude. But the clash comes when the states are permitted to make such laws as they see fit in determining the selection of officers to manipulate the states' affairs. Here is the irreconcilable difference, yet paradoxically no difference whatever. For these states have adhered to the rights guaranteed the states—ignoring the higher law which plainly prescribes the working limitations. The educational test is not constitutional according to the fifteenth amendment to the constitution, which, to be exact, says:

"The right of citizens of the United States to vote, shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of race, color or previous condition of servitude."

Again, we say the phrase, "or preoious condition of servitude," does not imply education in any sense. It rather regards the impossibility of any education whatever.

"The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation."

It will not take an astute lawyer or a highly learned individual to note that the case is provided for, and an ample remedy for its violation is at hand. Therefore, we reassert that it will simply be a case where results will be studied and passed upon, rather than merit, for the letter of the law is quite as plain as the spirit. Mr. Jones could not under any decision, claim a seat; at the best, his case is simply a test of the constitution. It may be added that if this is not the construction likely to result, then the limitations of federal and state authority overlap, and they should at once and for all time, know where their respective powers begin and end.

THAT CABINET POSITION.

One or two of our exchanges are nearly savage in their assault on those who do not take kindly to the cabinet position idea. The very people who are contending so strenously for this new order of things, unwittingly place a mark of inferiority upon the Negroes by the very nature of their insistence. They approach the subject with hat in hand, and ask that the lowest position of the eight be set aside as the one for Negroes. If they have all this "nerve" and ultra-Americanism, why do they not ask a telling position at once? It is not necessary to ask for a kitchen department position. If the status quo of Negroes in America demands a position of this kind, 'tis not to be groomsman of the back stairs. Why not ask for the Secretaryship of State? Now why not? What is inconsistent? What is there about the other position, Secretaryship of Agriculture, that makes it more desirable? Is it not because it is nearest the earth? Just so. What right then have these blazers of the way to insist that the other part of the people are too content with a little, when they themselves belittle the race and advertise the same in demanding this tail end position, simply because it is a tail ender? The other people who do not think their way, think as they do, because they feel that the nature of things scarcely warrant the lofty aspirations. The echo of the last yell that greeted the dying Negro hanging on a burning tree, has scarcely subsided. These things need some attention. Let us become an acceptable and an appreciative part of the country we would govern. Let us clarify the air of South Carolina, boost along the cause of the black Mississippian contestant in his struggle for legislative honors, thereby undoing the odious Mississippi election laws, the eternal reminders of impotency. Let us turn eyes inward and see where we are at, at any rate. What late meat has the race fed that warrant such lusty calls for advancement? Let us force a little race respect along with race recognition. To be "upish" in these things is not indicative of race pride, as much as it is race madness. If the next administration would look to the caring of the thousands of the young men and women of the race who are educated, yet can not earn a "white man's" living, it would confer untold blessings on the race, which could not come through the installment of a man or so in some post of honor. This rushing to the headwater of affairs without all the essentials, is beginning to tell in the North. It gives insight to character as a race and as individuals. The race certainly needs a trusted advisor who will have enough influence to prevent it from making a fool of itself. Make haste slowly.

"If the colored brother will be hired to abuse his privilege as a voter, and to execute the frauds which the white brother plans, he must take the consequences. But it is a great pity that the white rascal should escape the punishment he doubly deserves."

The above is an editorial in the Philadelphia Record. We are not apprised of the facts that instigated the editorial, but we naturally suppose it is the same old case of the colored brother hauling the ches nuts out of the fire—he simply gets the worst of it.

HOW READEST THOU?

WILLIAM BATTISCH, MICHIGAN CITY, IND.

It is one thing to read the Bible through,
Another thing to learn to read and do;
Some read it with design to learn to read,
But to the subject pay but little heed;
Some read it as their duty once a week,
But no instruction from the Bible seek,
While others read it with but little care,
With no regard to how or where.
Some read it as a history to know
How people lived three thousands years ago;
Some read to bring themselves into repute,
By showing others how they can dispute;
While others read it, because their neighbors do
To see how long it will take to read it through.
Some read it for the wonders that are there—
How David killed a lion and a bear,
While others read it with uncommon care,
Hoping to find some contradiction there.
Some read as though it did not speak to them,
But unto the people at Jerusalum.
One reads it as a look of mysteries,
And won't believe the very thing he sees.
One reads with father's "specks" upon his head,
And sees the thing just as his father said.
Some read to prove a pre-adopted creed,
Hence understand but little that they read;
For every passage in the book they bend
To make it suit that all important end.
Some people read it, as I have often thought,
To teach the book instead of being taught;
And, some there are, who read it out of spite;
I fear there are but few who read it right.
Some, many people in these latter days,
Have read the Bible in so many ways,
That few can tell which system is the best,
For every party contradicts the rest.
But read it prayerfully and you will see,
Although men contradict, God's words agree.
For what the early Bible prophets wrote
We find that Christ and his apostles quote.
So trust no creed that trembles to recall
What has been pened by One and verified by all.

THE RECORDERSHIP AGAIN.

Says the Indianapolis Sentinel, the leading Democratic daily of Indiana:

"Indications are not wanting, now that the Republicans have once more triumphed, that the colored man is to be tabooed as usual. They have used him, secured his vote and put him on the shelf until 1898, when they will need him to carry Indiana again. Take for instance the case of Col. Knox, a respectable, clean colored citizen of this city, a man of no mean attainments. He has been faithful to the Republican party ever since he was enfranchised, frequently representing this district in its national conventions. He would like to have the Recorder's office of the District of Columbia. Fred Douglass and Blanche Bruce, the present incumbent and other colored men have filled the office acceptably, and Col. Knox is fully as well equipped for the discharge of the duties of the office as any of those mentioned, but there is a Republican combination with its head in Indianapolis and its tail in Washington that is determined to 'down him.' The Washington correspondent of the morning gold fake organ of Indianapolis, seems to be already infected with the old prejudice: "No Negroes wanted here." He stated recently in one of his dispatches that Maj. McKinley would be requested to appoint 'a Caucasian' to fill the office of Recorder of Deeds of the District. We may be sure also that the Indianapolis end of the concern will be pushing 'a Caucasian' for the place."

We present the above to our readers not so much for the sweeping assertions made, as we do to relieve ourselves of the embarrasing circumstances the latter part of the article places us in. We feel flattered that the Sentinel has watched our course so closely and portrays it so faithfully; yet we are not cognizant of any studious attempt to deny the recognition to the race as outlined in the Sentinel. The article as appearing in the Journal, was no more nor less than a news letter that spoke of things as observed by the writer. It may be noted that it is a fact that the colored people of Washington, D. C., if W. Calvin Chase, of the Bee, is an authority, are beating the bushes for a Caucasian. A Mr. Thomas, of that city, is being pushed by the Bee, a Negro journal, for the positiou in question. Mr. Thomas is a white gentleman. Just how far the Cancasian succession idea has gone, we do not presume to say, but perhaps far enough to give color to the statement made by the Sentinel as truthful. We do not hold that any places should be specified and set aside for Negro incumbency. We hold that if the race is appealed to especially as a race to help win victories, that places should be allotted the race according to services rendered. This, of course, is a plain way of stating a fact that possibly should be more ornately "put," but it dissolves itself to that in the end, hence time is saved. We recognize the fact that the Sentinel article is perchance the tossing of the apple of discord; therefore, we are swift to acknowledge the truth and to denounce the spurious in the article. The Sentinel has our hearty appreciation for the tribute of respect shown personally, but we decline believing that the "tail" of the conspiracy, as stated, rests in Indianapolis.

The colored folks of Boston, Mass., are making much ado about the selection of Mr. Isaac Allen, of that city, as a councilman. They seem to wish to repudiate their own action in electing him, claiming that the convention in which he was nominated had but a very few of their race in it, and that Mr. Allen, as a result of that convention, does not represent them. If the matter is understood correctly, Mr. Allen is elected. That fact alone should put a quietus on any tendency to question his character or ability. Mr. Allen might represent the white folks at any rate, if the colored folks can not "stomach" him.

Gen. Lewis Wallace, in a card in the Crawfordsville Journal, in reply to an article in the Indianapolis Journal in reference to the Indiana Senatorial selection, says:

"The frequent recurrence of my name in connection with the United States Senatorship, shortly to occupy the attention of the legislature, will excuse me for saying I am not a seeker of any office in appointment or election. To be indeed an honor and to leave one free to serve the state and nation, it is, in my opinion, essential that the Senatorship should go to him without solicitation on his part. Treating the remark as a condition, my acceptance of a nomination would be governed by it."

It is noted that the General has an abiding faith in the law of the "survival of the fittest." This law as applied to politics may be as proper as in other spheres, but the experience of ages is not in accord with the theory. The better and more practical law is "that everything comes to those who wait and work." If the word "hustle" be substituted for "work," then the modern idea of politics is complete.

Anent the Cabinet harangue, says the Langston City Herald:

"We do, however, with most of our people, and particularly our contemporary, the Indianapolis Freeman, feel that there are many states with Afro-American residents far more deserving of such recognition, if it is to be given, than Alabama and the District of Columbia, in which reside the two gentlemen (Messrs. Washington and Bruce) named by the Post. Right here we desire to say, and very pertinently too, that the 'old leaders,' as they are termed, have so long fed sumptuously at the public crib that they are all rich and abundantly able to struggle along without further recognition—assistance—from the Republican party. Then, too, they represent nothing material of a political nature, and are without a consistency of any kind. 'Give to whom it is due.'"

In principal the proposition is alright. We do not feel it a matter of pride to aid or abet the turning down of such men as Bruce, Lynch and others. We will not assist at their funeral, if a funeral it must be. But politics is politics and not sentiment. The same conditions suit the Negro voters as do they, the white voters.

THE SENATORSHIP.

There are a number of aspirants at this time casting about for selection as United States Senator of Indiana to succeed the Hon. Daniel W. Voorhees, the senior senator of this state. Mr. Voorhees has spent a long time in the Senate, of more or less usefulness. In politics, he is the staunchest of Democrats, and has an unenviable record gained during the late war period. The late election makes it possible for a Republican to succeed him. Hon. C. W. Fairbanks is distinctly in the lead for selection. He has merited his position by the efficient service he has rendered the Republican party in the past. These services, combined with other desirable qualifications, make him at once formidable and acceptable to the party, as a rule.

President Cleveland's last message to Congress is a document in keeping with the other papers by the President in the past. He touches on all subjects of a national character with equal facility. The subject of Cuba was doubtless the most carefully considered of them all. Mr. Cleveland, however, does not allow much room for immediate hope for intervention in the affairs of Cuba and Spain. He plainly voices the sentiments of the country when he refers to the sympathy this country has for Cuba.

"**Mr. Manning**, of the Indianapolis World has selected a man for Recorder of Deeds for the District of Columbia. This cheeky editor, says it must be either, S. A. Elbert or Geo. L. Knox, both of Indiana. Who in the world authorized this gally Negro free silver advocate to select men for positions under a Republican administration? Where does Manning get all his unmitigated gall and cast-iron nerve? Mr. Manning you are without a doubt the worst that ever 'came down the pike."—The State Capital

Mr. Manning is a genial whole souled fellow, who means quite well. If he errs 'tis of the head, and not the heart. Mr. Manning is not beyond the pale of redemption. Give him a show.

Hon. John R. Lynch was recently banqueted on his native heath.

Gen. Alger for a Cabinet position, is the wish of the Michiganders.

If Bruce can draw a Cabinet position, we will rejoice in his good fortune.

It is said that the Hawaiians propose making strenous efforts to enter the union of states as soon as the new administration is ushered in. The Hawaiian republic has proven a very feeble affair, having been born under questionable circumstances, but in commisseration of its feebleness and sympathy for its good intentions, it doubtless will find protection under the sheltering wing of the union.

Many people are insisting that Maj. McKinley should recognize the Negroes in his cabinet, and suggest that Booker T. Washington, who has done more for his race than any man in the country, should be appointed Secretary of Agriculture.—Little Rock Gazette.

He did not gain his transcendent worth on the hustings, nor should he run the risk of losing it there. Let him keep this fame intact; not for a single moment jeopardize it by monkeying with the buzz saw.

St. Luke's Chapel Notes.

Columbus, Ind., Special.

Rev. H. Brewer preached an eloquent and excellent discourse on last Sunday morning, Theme "Homeward Steps." Sabbath school and night service closed on account of diptheria. Miss Eva McCullum, one of our most popular teachers and an active worker in the church, left last Tuesday for her home in Xenia O., where she will spend the holidays. Mr. George Duncan has returned from Louisville, Ky., where he buried his brother. Mr. Austin of Danville, Ind., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds. Mrs. M. Jackson is becoming quite famous in the ice cream line. She has the name of making the best in the city. Mr. Edward Troutman has succeeded in organizing a night school. Mrs. Mary Skelton is better. Mr. Walter Blakeman, the manager of the leading quartet in the city, visited Edinburg last Sunday, the guest of Miss Bertha Ramsey. Mrs. Frank Pettiford has returned from Franklin, Ind. Rev. John Miller is in Edinburg. The third Sunday in this month is trustee's day. Rev. H. F. Bray will preach for us during the holidays. Rev. B. V. Wilson, a student of Taylor University, and whose native home is in Africa, will deliver a lecture on the 22nd inst. A concert on the 28th of this month. Services Sunday morning at 10:30, Rev. Brewer officiating. Christian Endeavor has a call meeting after services. Prof. Jackson, principal of the colored schools and superintendent of our Sabbath school, is visiting the public schools in Franklin.

ODDS AND ENDS.

For England's supply of ivory last year (13,220 tons), 42,300 elephants were killed.

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The French government will encourage the planting of fruit-trees along the high-roads, as being more beautiful and profitable than the ordinary poplar.

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The children of Boston and vicinity are enjoying the "Zoo" to the utmost. The good air makes it especially attractive for its purpose. The baby lions are so attractive that it is a pity they should ever grow up.

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"Over $250,000 is invested in the Pennsylvania carnation belt, "says the Philadelphia Record — "chiefly the growth of the past twelve years. Chester County is the center of operation; and nearly seven hundred thousand carnation plants are grow annually, of which fifty per cent. are white, twenty-five per cent. pink, twenty red, and five yellow and variegated."

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"A young Italian scholar," says the Academy, "delving in the celebrated Biblioteca Ambrosiana at Milan, has discovered in a palimpsest some considerable fragments of the continuous text of a Hexapla of the Psalms of the tenth century, arranged as it was by Origen himself in five parallel columns. The Hebrew is written in Greek letters, thus affording a key to the pronunciation of Hebrew in Origen's time."

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Out of a total Indian population of over 250,000, about one-half wear the dress of civilization. A little over 32,000 can read, and a little less than 40,000 can use the English language sufficently for ordinarly purposes. About 60 per cent. of the entire Indian school population is in schools; and 50,000 individuals, representing something over 8,000 families, are actually living upon and cultivating the lands which have been allotted to them in severalty.

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"The oldest lock in existance is the one which formely secured one of the doors of Nineveh," says the St. Louis Republic. "It is a gigantic affair; and the key to it, which is as large as one man can conveniently carry, reminds one of the Scriptural reference to such instruments being carried on the shoulder. The exact words are, 'And the key to the house of David I will lay upon his shoulder.' This key to the lock from Nineveh is nearly three and a half feet in length, and of the thickness of a four-inch drain-tile."

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MISCELANEOUS

"**The** editor of the Indianapolis World is troubled with melancholia, which has been superinduced by the defeat of Bryan. He, the editor, staked everything on the election of Mr. Bryan, and lost; he has the blues. He used to write for The Freeman, but owing to a lack of something in the upper story, was dismissed, and now the World is cursed with his idiotic sayings. Someone should suggest to him that it is time to pull himself together and get ready to appreciate the blessings of a Republican administration."—Leavenworth Herald.

Great —— well scots!

Mr. Geo. Knox, of the Indianapolis Freeman, is getting quite a boom in his state for Recorder of Deeds. The Democratic papers seem to be favorably interested in his appointment. The World, of Indianapolis, says that the position has been promised to a Negro of Indiana, but we presume the World secured its information from the same source that it got the knowledge that Bryan would be elected. As a political prophet, the World is a successful failure.—National Protest.

May it have better luck is our prayer.

It would be a detriment to the race if Booker T. Washington were appointed to a place in the Cabinet. He is doing the race more good than any man in the cabinet could possibly do.—National protest.

That's right; talk right out—right is right.

We cannot see why it is that so many of these penny Negro journals think they have a right to assist McKinley in making up his cabinet. We have always been willing to risk McKinley with that part of the business, and shall at least give him the benefit of our silence on that point.—Budget Messenger.

My friend, (a la Bryan) silence is golden.

Geo. L. Knox, of the Indianapolis Freeman, is getting out a most creditable paper and gave loyal and efficient support, and he or some other representative of the colored race in Indiana should be honored with a good office. But for the steadfast support of the colored voters Indiana would have gone for Bryan—New Orleans Republican.

"**Chase**, of the Washington Bee, don't seem to be chasing after an office. He is exercising considerable independence in these days of sycophants around the seat of government, and may be will be satisfied is Alphabetical Taylor is removed, and Cooper, of the Colored American, is kept from tasting the sweets of office. Washington City is always filled with a lot of colored so-called leaders who want to represent their race by enjoying the luxury of being part and parcel of the government, but most of them will get the 'marble heart."—The Statesman.

"**The** agitation for a race representative in the Cabinet is becoming to be a leading topic. The leaders should become interested upon two or three good men and let the President make his choice; if he will set the precedent and take the second step as the President of the United States in verifying that previous condition of the race has nothing to do with the position to which any of them may be competent to fill."—The Western Enterprise.

"A shallow claim is that presented by some of our exchanges, that B. K. Bruce, John M. Langston, Booker T. Washington or any other colored man. Why not base the claim upon a high moral fitness and qualification?—Knoxville Gleaner.

There you are again. Which shall it be gentlemen? Which shall it be?

"We believe the Negro is deserving of recognition, and to that end we shall labor. There are several able, representative Negroes in Western Missouri who should receive a presidential appointment. We propose to name them and give them our earnest and undivided support."—Kansas City Observer.

Certainly, Missorri has quite a number of eminent colored men. Let us hear from them by all means.

Personal Mention.

Hamilton, O., Special.

The Y. M. S. club will meet Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nickson. The Thanksgiving dinner given by the stewardess and the concert at night netted $21.25. Miss J. Henderson has returned home after a pleasant visit to this city. Mrs. Wm. Coleman has moved to this city. Mrs. Davison spent Sunday in College Hill, O. A literary gild was organized Tuesday evening. Next Sunday will be missionary day at the A. M. E. church.

All druggists sell Dr. Miles' Pain Pills.

VALUE OF THE NEGRO VOTE

Concluded From First Page.

and others. Rev. Sterling M. Brown, for eight years pastor of Plymouth Congregational church, has been called to take charge. Mrs. Alice Strange-Davis will conduct the music. The church opens on the first Sunday in January.

Bethel literary has opened auspiciously, and President L. M. Henshaw's administration promises to be a glowing success. He is a young man of exceptional ability, a graduate of Atlanta University, holds a legal "sheepskin," and is an efficient clerk in the general land office. Among those scheduled for early appearance as speakers before Betnel are Dr. O. M. Atwood, Lawyer T. McCants Stewart, of New York, Prof. W. E. B. DuBois, of Lincoln University, Pa., Prof. H. T. Kealing, editor A. M. E. Church Review, Rev. O. M. Waller, rector of St. Luke's Episcopal church and R. W. Thompson.

At a recent meeting of the local ministers, a vigorous attack was made on the literary and moral tone and general inadequacy of Negro newspapers led by Dr. Alex Crummell. Revs. A. P. Miller and O. M. Waller rallied to the defense of the Negro editor, and in the discussion what was said was a "plenty." Editor E. E. Cooper of the Colored American has been invited to appear from an authoritative standpoint as a publisher. He will deliver an address at the next meeting, and a lively time may be expected.

Your correspondent extends to "B. Square" profound assurances of distinguished consideration for his generous, even if undeserved compliment in a recent issue of The Freeman. "B. Square's" sound advice and choice variety of bright and interesting matter, are among the best features of the paper. If he will just refrain in the future from tacking "Prof." to our name, all will be forgiven. If titles were applied only to those who could rightfully claim them, their value would be greatly enhanced. "B. Square" meant well, but plain "Mr." is good enough for us.

"Oriental America" played a return engagement to big houses at the academy last week. The company has been strengthened by the addition of Tom Brown, the most versatile of Afro-American comedians, Miss Mattie Wilkes, Madam Plato, the Meredith Sisters, Misses Mackey, Rutledge, Smith and Clough renewed old friendships, and the engagement was made brilliant by a number of social events in their honor. Woodward, Eldridge, Brown, Johnson, Shelton, Shipp, and Winn were the recipients of many courtesies.

R. W. THOMPSON.

The Golden Ruling Club.

Clarksville, Tenn., Special.

The Golden Ruling Club of R. S.V.P. gave a grand leap year party at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Reed, 118 St. John street Nov. 27th. The dining hall was beautifully decorated with plants. Music and dancing were the amusements of the evening. A delicious repast was served. T. Parrish has returned to his home in St. Louis after a week's visit in the city. A letter has been received, announcing the death, of Simon Williams which occurred in Louisville Dec. 3rd. Mrs. Sarah Hill and Mrs. Metcalf have returned to the city. Miss Sallie Wisdom, aged 26, died at her mother's home, South Clarksville, after an illness of fever. The funeral was conducted at Mt. Olive Baptist church by Rev. A. B. Wimberly. Rev. Henry Wilkerson has returned to his home after a visit in the city. Mrs. Mattie Harrison has returned to her home in Kennedy, Ky.

The Reaper Death.

Eufaula, Ala., Special.

Mrs. Sarah Oliver died the 26th. Her funeral was conducted by Revs. J. W. Jackson and Fantrom. Mrs. Patient Scott left on the 27th for Montgomery. Jake Jackson is on the sick list. Cas. Dennis the well-known porter at Simpson and Dean's warehouse was found dead the 26th. Revs. Maddox and Ammons officiated. The Benevolence Society had a grand time at their hall on the 27th. Collection was $19. Mrs. Ida Hodge is better after an illness of several days. Mrs. Belle Ladd has returned from Americus. Miss Matilda West of Household of Ruth No. 900 is quite sick. Wiley Jackson shot Mack Vinson the 20th. The wound is not a dangerous one. The Thanksgiving drill on the 26th was a success. Mrs. Silvia Williams died on the 24th. Her funeral was preached at the Baptist church by Rev. J. W. Jackson. There was a large attendance. Mrs. Melinee Leonard has purchased an upright piano. Any one desiring to subscribe for The Freeman can call on or address W. H. Wallace. John A. Ward, proprietor of the Georgia restaurant, is doing a nice business. Lawrence Cotton has opened a nice barber shop for colored people. You can find The Freeman on John Ward's counter for sale every Saturday. C. C. Coleman and Charlie Moore have opened a tailor shop on Eufaula street. Webb Hutchins died Sunday, the 20th ult., and was buried Monday evening. He was a member of the G. U. O. of O. F. He leaves a wife and one child. Miss A. B. Raines is better. Mrs. Emeline O'Dristle is quite sick.

Election of Officers.

Sheffield, Ala., Special.

Rev. E. D. Green, pastor of the C. M. E. church is on the sick list. Miss Hannah Gray is doing good work teaching the South Florence school. Our city school is prospering under the principalship of Prof. B. J. Sterling. The enrollment for last month was sixty-five. The election of officers for the A. M. E. Sunday school resulted as follows: B. J. Sterling, superintendent; John Fields, assistant superintendent; Miss Carrie Fields, secretary; Miss Tee Wynn, treasurer; Miss Gertrude Burr librarian; T. B. McCray, chairman. The same teachers continue. Rev. Pointer, a member of the Missionary Baptist church, fell dead in Tuscumbia recently.

Entertained at Dinner.

Silverton, Col., Special.

Silverton is a little dull at present. The weather cleared up and is very cold. Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Washington entertained at dinner on Thanksgiving Mrs. O. Blau, Miss Anna Bass, Nat Blau, Meady Taylor, and H. S. Pitts. Opossum, sweet potatoes, turkey, with all the delicacies of the season made up a most delightful menu.

ZION'S SPRING RETURNS.

An Interesting Paper by Miss Laura A. Troy, of Cincinnati, O.

One of the poets has informed us, that

"God moves in a mysterious way,
His wonders to perform;
He plants his footstep on the sea,
And rides through every storm."

And how often are we shown the truth of this statement, for instance to-night, when I glance around at these old familiar walls under whose protecting care I have been sheltered from the storms, that rage in the outside world, from my infancy until the present time, when the thought comes to me, truly it is wonderful how God has spared this edifice which was built many years ago in His name, to those who have struggled through years of toil and strife to withhold it from the creditors whose only thoughts were for the amount due them, that which could deprive us of all that we held dear in this the place where we have worshiped Him, who cares even for the sparrow, and has arranged all nature so that it is protected and retains its beauty throughout the year. During our balmy spring days the trees and flowers send forth their buds, the grass creeps up from the soil which is heated by the rays of the glorious sun, which in a short while sends its heated rays with such force that with the assistance of the warm April showers, the earth is resplendant in a gay, green garb, which it retains until the bright golden autumn comes when nature changes her dress for a bright, red, yellow and golden one, then the delicate flowers which have remianed with us during the hot, sultry summer days, wither and die and in their place we find the sturdy chrysanthemum, astor, the bright golden rod and all plants that are able to withstand the chilly autumn winds. Then the wind whistles through the branches of the trees and carries the bright colored leaves to wither and die upon the ground, leaving the branches quite naked throughout the cold, bleaky, wintry weather.

God has ordained it thus, shielding the flowers from the winter winds and storms, knowing that they would be unable to withstand the ice, snow and the fierce bite of "Old Jack Frost," but when the bright spring again returns everything is resplendant. Just so is it with Zion. In its early origin we find it budding out as the trees and flowers in the early spring time, then it bloomed forth as a bright summer blossom and adorned itself in a brilliant dress. Its walks were beautiful to behold and everything looked as bright as a beautiful garden in full bloom. Then the chilly autumn winds entered, froze the hearts of some of those who had toiled but who wearied in well doing as they saw the bright side turned from them, but God remained as he always does, loyal to those who will put their trust in Him.

The autumn of the church lingered for quite awhile when the cold, bleaky winter settled there and all hope seemed to die as the flowers and leaves have done. Again, He who is always our helper, stretched forth His protecting arm and sent into our midst a young man who is worthy of the trust that has been given him. Through a grand work which has cost him much time and incessant labor intermingled with earnest prayers, he has paid the first thousand on that dreaded ten thousand dollars, which has long weighted down the shoulders of those who have borne the troubles and sorrows of Zion. His entiring energy and zeal is yet manifested and the spirit thus shown seems to be contagious and most working with an enthusiasm as is seldom witnessed in a people, who have long been overburdened.

Tonight we assemble here at a reception given in his honor. It is a simple and social way in which to offer to him our heartfelt thanks for the grand work which he has done, and that work which he is still doing. It will show to him that we are grateful, for Milton has said "A grateful mind by owing, owes not, but still pays at once indebted and discharged.

And now Rev. Harris allow me to extend our thanks to you for the noble work that you have done and that work which you are still doing. Words are inadequate to express the gratitude that we feel towards you, and thus far he has

"So lived, that when has summons comes to join
The innumerable caravan, which moves
To that myterious realm, where each shall take
His chamber in the silent halls of death,
He'll go not, like the quarry-slave at night,
Scourged to his dungeon, but, sustained and soothed
By an unfaltering trust, approach hts grave,
Like one who wraps the drapery cf his couch
About him, and lies down in pleasant dreams.

LAURA A. TROY,
1076 W. Liberty St., Cincinnati, O.

Notes of Interest.

Ennis, Tex., Special.

George Warford is working at the round house now as crew caller in the day. Mr. Noble Jackson has got his old job again heaving coal. Miss Mollie Russell of Denison, Tex., has located here to attend the city school. The Houston, Tex., Central R. R. has put on several new crews last month. Mr. W. M. Huckbay of Mahair, Tex., was in the city last week the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wheaten. Mr. W. D. Doman was in the city last week. Mr. Steab Walton is on the sick list. Mrs. Ewing is on the sick list. Mr. H. Goaston went to work in country last week. Mr. Baitey of Rice, Tex., was in the city last week. Prof. Biggin went to Waxahachie, Tex., recently,

Elected by Unanimous Vote.

Galveston, Tex., Special.

We, the members and officers in Grand Lodge Session of the A. K. of L. deeire to inform the public that Mrs. Eva McIntosh has by almost unanimous vote been elected as State Grand Mistress of the order for the ensuing year. Mrs. McIntosh is one of the founders of this order at Little Rock, Ark., and has ever been a faithful and an efficient worker. Respectfully officers and members of the Grand Lodge A. K. of T.

The Monarch Club.

Memphis, Tenn., Special.

Mrs. H. Bass has recovered. Mrs. Alice B. Cockram is on the sick list. The Monarch club gave a grand oyster supper and cake walk at the I. O. I. hall on the 9th. Miss Pauline E. Clice is assistant teacher for Mrs. J. A. Hooks Dr. W. A. Fields was thrown from his buggy and his right leg painfully hurt but not dangerously. The National foot ball elevens and the Baptist College will play a game on Christmas day at citizens park. After the illness of three months George Hadden died at his home on Webster street. He leaves a wife and three children.

Personal Mention.

Poplar Bluff, Mo., Special.

Miss Julia Townsend and her nephew, Earl Ford, left the city on the 28th ult., for St. Louis Mo. The ladies social aid fair and entertainment continued on Saturday and Monday nights Nov. 28th and 30th ult., with varied success. Mr. John Smith arrived in the city Nov. 30th. A grand banquet was given at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Wyatts in honor of Miss Winnie Wheeler on the 4th., of Viena, Ill., who taken her departure home on Dec. 5th inst. Invitations are out announcing the wedding of Mr. J. H. Gethic and Miss Mary McCloud of Durham, North Carolina, to be on the 13th inst.

QUEEN & CRESCENT ROUTE.

FASTEST TIME TO THE WEST.

Commencing Sunday, May 10, the Missouri Pacific Ry., will put on a new fast train between St. Louis and Wichita and immediate stations. This train will be known as "The Kansas and Nebraska Limited," and will leave St. Louis daily at 8:10 p. m., arriving next morning at Atchison 6:00 a. m., St. Joseph, 7:00 a. m., Omaha 11:50 a. m., Ft. Scott 6:25 a. m., Carthage 7:00 a. m., Joplin 8:20 a. m., Wichita 6:50 p. m.

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WOMAN'S WAYS.

Strong passions are not evils, if they are well controlled and guided. But they become a tower of strength and a mine of wealth to the possessor.

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Woman's gentleness, delicacy and modesty are living forces; and the girl who dresses like a man, who swaggers, uses slang, and makes an exhibition of herself generally, is like a soldier who has thrown away his weapons before he goes into battle—she is defenseless against attack.

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Let a man be a man and a woman a woman.—Proverb.

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It you want to be miserable, think about yourself, about what you want, what you like, what respect people ought to pay to you, and what people think of you—Charles Kingsley.

And now look at the contrast.

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Somebody asked recently how to be beautiful of an old lady whose face is still sweet and rosy at 80. Her advice was: "Try a little spiritual exercise. Look at yourself in the mirror four or five times a day. If the corners of your mouth are down and you are an unhappy looking creature, elevate your expression. Think of the pleasantest thing that ever happened to you; the kindest thing that was ever done for you; send out the most generous, sweetest, most helpful thoughts to your friends, then you will be beautiful."

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The girl who takes as much pride in learning to dust a room properly as she does in learning to draw, who broils a steak with the same nicety she embroiders a rosebud, who makes coffee as carefully as she crochets, is the girl who will make the economical, cheery wife, loving mother and delightful companion. It is not a crime to know how to keep house. Every girl expects to have a home of her own some day, yet the girl and her mother when circumstances permit, too often act as though there was no such thing as a servantless home and food grew on bushes ready for the picking.

Notes From the Queen City.

Cincinnati, O., Special.

The literary of the Episcopal Mission held on last Wednesday evening was a grand success, its participant consisted of some of the best talent of the city. Miss Lottie Alexander of Ripley, O., is visiting her cousin, Miss B. Ballard of 421 W. Fifth street. Mrs. Ella Whitbeck of 1558 Linn street, gave a grand birthday party Nov. 30th. Mrs. M, Graves left for Grand Rapids, Mich., to visit her daughter. Mr. A. A. Underdown left for Knoxville on last Saturday to visit his mother. W. H. Fielding went to Springfield, O., last Friday to attend the funeral of his friend Mr. Samuel Harris. Mr. Will Hayman will lead to the Hymenial altar Miss Anna Hart of 505 W. Court street. Rev. Proud officiated. Miss Emma Clarke is on the sick list, also Miss Ollie Lewis and Miss Annie Jones.

WALNUT HILL NOTES.

The literary of the Mt. Zion M. E. church met on last Thursday evening held its election of officers as follows: President, H. E. Williams; vice president, Miss Carrie Holland, Lula Rollins; recording secretary, Miss Bessie Carter; corresponding secretary. Miss Rhoda Davis; treasurer, librarian, Miss Blanche Elder, critic; Wm. Smith, editor of budget; L. Smith, Chaplain; W. A. Weaver, sargeant-at-arms; assistant Mr. H. Chapman; program committee, Francis Ricks, Miss Leona Hartsell, Miss Minnie Scott. There is soon to be a secret organization here, to be known as the Joshuaites, from all indications will be a grand institution. The Cincinnati high school foot ball team, composed of colored students played the Wilberforce College Thanksgiving resulting in a tie 4-4. Manager Frank of Walnut Hills was very well satisfied with the showing his boys made against the Wilberforce students. On Sunday evening the Lord's Supper will be administered at Zion Baptist church at 3 o'clock.

Half Rates to Mexico.

Round trip tickets at one fare for the round trip will be on sale Nov. 7th to 10th, from Cincinnati and the North, on account of meeting of the American Medical Congress at Mexico City. These tickets are good on fast vestibuled limited trains and good until December 31st to return, for particulars address: C. W. Zell, Div. Pass. Agt. 4th and Race streets, Cincinnati; W. A. Beckler, Northern Pass. Agt. 111 Adams street, Chicago; C. A. Baird, Trav. Pass. Agt. Detroit. Mich.; W. W. Dunnavant, Trav Pass. Agt. Cleveland, O.; W. C. Rinearson, Gen. Pass. Agt. Cincinnati

Delegates Appointed.

Columbus, O., Special.

Mt. Zion church held an entertainment at the Charley Summer wigwam for the benefit of the church. A mite social was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Ballard, at 136 Garland street, for the benefit of the Queen Etta Court of Clanatha. Beacon Light Household of Ruth No. 567, gave a mite supper at the residence of Mr. and Mrs Jackson. Mrs. Watkins, Mr, J. Ward and Mrs. Annie Ward are on the sick list. Ollie Anderson of Cincinnati is visiting in the city. Isaac M. Scott of the State house is on the sick list. Mr. Richard all, chief of the Afro-American department of the Tennessee Centennial requested the Mayor of this city to appoint some delegates to see that this city will be represented. The Mayor selected Wilbur King, Rev. J. Poindexter, C. E. Ransom, Thomas Williams and James Scurry. Harry Alexander was successful in his fight for clerkship in the Probate Judges office. He formerly lived in Indianapolis. All members of Council 442 are requested to meet at the G. A. R. Hall Dec. 18.

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Lonesome Without The Freeman.

Dear Editor:—I know my subscription to your paper is due and trust you will pardon my long neglect. I am only sixty-nine years old and rejoice that I have lived to see the day when I can worship under our own vine and fig tree at home. The bible teaches us to "try all things and hold fast to that wich you find is good." This is why I hold on to The Freeman. Please find here enclosed a money order for one dollar and continue to send our paper as I must say our home would be lonesome without it. Success ever to The Freeman.

WILLIAM SWANCEY,
Longview, Tex.

At Loss Without It.

Hogg, Burleson County, Tex.,
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That soft and low
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Now like the billows of the sea,
By storm-winds crossed,
All tempest-tossed,
They swell and mount in majesty,
Rising, they throb, and throbbing rise,
Till spirit bold
And bosom cold
In sympathy find common ties.

Then, with anguish-smothered moan,
A parent mild
Beguiles her child.
They sink to low and plaintive tone.
Awakened by their magic flow,
Sweet memories of long ago
Bring back once more
The friends of yore.
And while we muse 'twixt joy and woe,
With tearful eye,
On things gone by,
The music dies and leaves us so.

—Wm. A. Joiner.

The Colored Sports have disbanded.

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George Tichner is with Fields' Darkest America.

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Black Patti Troubadours are in Washington, D. C., this week.

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Mahara's Minstrel's are booked to appear at Portland, Ore., Dec 25.

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Isham's Octoroons are playing to crowded houses at Worcester, Mass., this week.

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South Before the War appeared to excellent business at Kalamazoo, Mich., Dec. 1.

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Billy Jackson joined Rice and Barton's Gaiety Co., at Montreal Can., November 30.

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The Magnolia Mixed Quartette sang at Indianapolis December 10th, to a fine audience.

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The McCarver Bros., are still creating storms of laughter with Field's Darkest America.

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The Tennessee Warblers did good business during their engagement at Washington, N. J.

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Richard and Pringle's Minstrels packed the house during their engagement at Mobile, Dec. 11.

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Blind Boone Concert Co., appeared before a large and appreciative audience at Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 7.

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Tom Brown, the mimic, has been transferred from the Octoroon Company to the Oriental America aggregation.

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The Black Patti Troubadours filled the Peoples Theatre, Philadelphia, Pa., nightly, during their engagement in that city.

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Manager W. Carter and James E. Lightfoot of the Canadian Jubilee Singers were entertained while in Bradford, Pa., by Mr. Curtis of that city, and spent a very pleasant evening.

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Williams and Walker made their reappearance at Koster and Bial's, New York City, last week in a new act, and were given a hearty reception. They were accorded much well deserved applause during their act.

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Flora Batson, "Queen of Song;" H. T. Burleigh, baritone; Mrs. Josephine Ball, soprano; Joseph H. Douglass, violinist; Howard University Mandolin Quartette, appeared in grand concert in Washington, D. C., Dec. 3rd to a large audience.

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On Thanksgiving evening Mme. Mamie Flowers tendered a number of the members of the Octoroon Company No. 1, of which she is the leading singer, a dinner at her home, 40 West 135th street New York City. The evening was pleasently passed with music, dancing and songs. The dinner was in courses, and was served by Caterer Cornelius Flowers, husband of the hostess, assisted by Mr. Wm. F. Ford.

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The Canadian Jubilee Singers and Imperial Orchestra are now in Pennsylvania and doing a splendid business, singing to crowded houses, although it has been raining every day excepting Thanksgiving night for a week. In Condersport Thanksgiving night they turned people away. Miss Fannie Stewart, the soprano soloist, is doing splendid solo work and delighting the people. The mandolin and guitar duets by J. E. Lightfoot and N. Warner are a leading feature, they having to answer three and four encores nightly. Jimmie Lightfoot is surprising the Mandolin players in the East.

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Swifts Shakespearian Dramatic Company, which is composed of the following members. Jas. W. Swift, manager; Edward L. Palacious, Miss Aderlynne A. Wilson, Edward L. Shelton, Miss Antoinette V. Connon, Jno. Jackson, R. B. Hall, Miss Mittie Smith, J. Aurther Freeman, Elenora Dorsey. R. H. Barker, J. H. Clark and Ed. Williams appeared at the Exposition building, St. Louis, Mo., November 20th, giving a very creditable rendition of various scenes from Hamlet, Othello and Fool's Revenge, Edward Palacios appearing as Hamlet and also as Bertucio, in the Fool's Revenge. Miss Aderlynne Wilson, formerly of Boston, showed herself to be an artist of great merit. She successfully portrayed the part of Iago, one of the most difficult of Shakespearian characters. She dressed the part particularly well and was greatly applauded. A vaudeville performance completed the programme.

Church Notes—Personals.

Kokomo, Ind., Special.

Rev. H. H. Thompson, P. E., of the Indianapolis district spent a few hours with Rev. L. W. Ratliffe last week. Miss Laura Dunlap is visiting friends in Frankfort. Rev. R. Bassett has returned to Richmond. Rev. Coleman and wife of the Ontario A. M. E. conference were in the city and gave an entertainment at the Second Baptist church Monday evening. Mrs. Frank Brown of Wabash is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lucy Gaskin of Sharpe street. The family of Rev. R. Bassett has moved from the country in to the city. The ladies of the Second Baptist church served supper Thanksgiving evening. Mrs. Amanda Winborn made a flying trip South last week. The newly organized Mite Missionary Society of the A. M. E. church turned out in a body Nov. 22 at 3 p. m. The young men of the city gave a most enjoyable concert at the A. M. E. church Thanksgiving night. The entertainment was under the management of Mr. David Milton and was quite a success. Messrs. Wm. Bolanger, Charles Tanner, Eugene Gaskin and Wm. Gaskin made their first appearance as soloists. At the Mitchell's T. C. L. C. last Tuesday John Milton read a paper on "Colonization of the Negro." Quarterly meeting was held at the A. M. E. church Sunday. Presiding Elder C. C. Townsend was present and preached two powerful sermons that stirred the people. He is an eloquent preacher. Mrs. Dawson is able to be out again.

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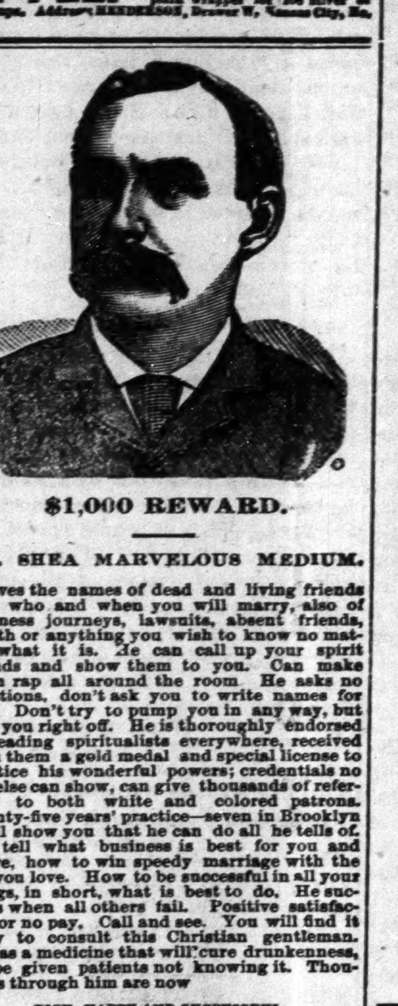

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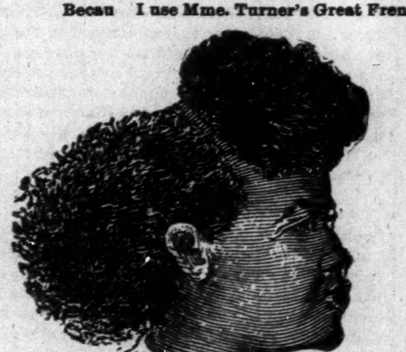

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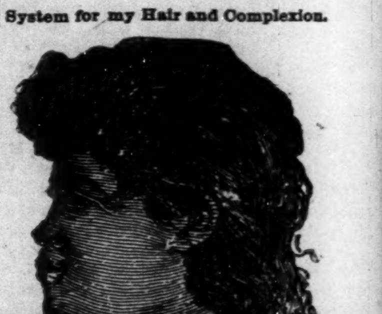

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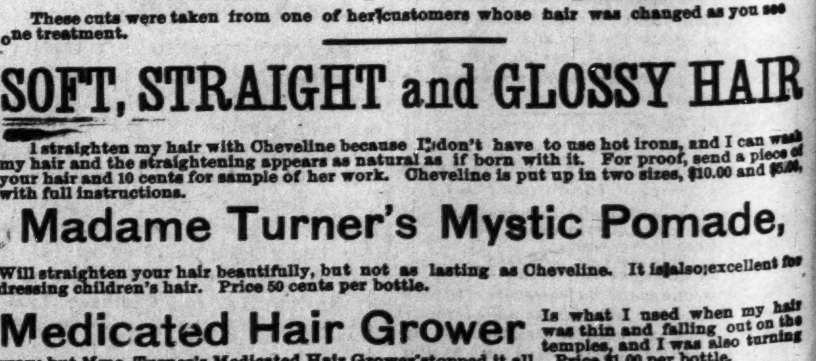

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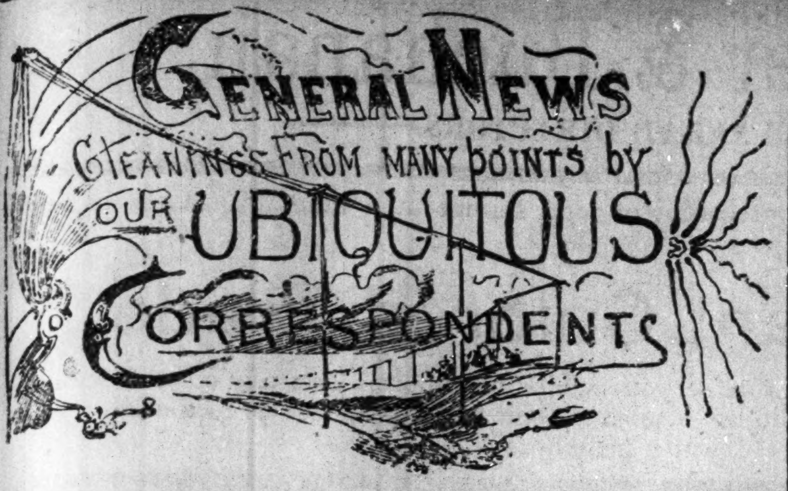

The "You Know Club" Entertains.

Piqua, O., Special.

Rev. C. D. White, pastor of Cyrene A. M. E. church delivered two sermons Sunday as did Rev. Powell, pastor of Park Avenue Baptist church. John Coleman of Boone street is recovering from a long illness. Misses Hall, Wilkinson and Williams of Troy, spent a few hours in the city Monday en route to Urbana. Messrs. R. Williams, Wm. Washington and C. Wilson spent Sunday in Troy, the guests of lady friends. Mrs. Jesse Coles, Mrs. Geo. Wilson, Mrs. P. M. Huggard and Mrs. James Truss attended the Thanksgiving reception of Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson at Urbana. Miss Effie Johnson spent Thanksgiving in Dayton, the guest of Miss Della Butler. Mrs. M. Green of Indianapolis, Ind., spent Thanksgiving in the city, the guest of Mrs. W. Rial. Miss Bertha Moss of East Greene street, is convalescent. Roper Delaney is again able to be at work. Augustus Medley spent Thanksgiving in Indiana. Lewis Pettiford has accepted the position of foreman at D. Mahan and Son's livery barn. Walter Guy is convalescent. J. F. Delaney spent Thanksgiving in Dayton, Mrs. Hattie Rankin of Cincinnati spent Thanksgiving in the city the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. Richardson. The Park Avenue Baptist church gave a dinner and supper Thanksgiving. The Mite Missionary Society had a meeting Sunday afternoon. The pastor addressed them. The "You Know Club" gave a reception on Thanksgiving evening at the K. of P. Hall. A large number attended. A nice lunch was served. Prof. J. Arizona, the Italian harpist, rendered several selections. The feature of the evening was the Arizona-Gavott. Several members of the Royal Circle of Troy were present.

A Red Letter Day.

Shelbyville, Tenn., Special.

Thanksgiving was a red letter day. There was a union service at Mt. Zion Baptist church in the morning. Rev. J. M. Mason of Murfreesboro preached. He gave a masterly and very practical exposition of the 100th Psalm. Elder Mason is one of the most popular preachers in Tennessee. At 3 p. m. union exercises were held at the A. M. E. church. This was an enjoyable occasion. The church was tastefully decorated. The window shades were drawn, and the lamps were lighted, making a brilliant scene. About the altar were tables loaded with the products of the field—corn, potatoes, hay, pumpkins, etc. The choirs of the city furnished music. The conference choral class made its debut on this occasion. After reading the proclamation and other appropriate selections by different persons the pastor, Rev. B. A. J. Nixon, preached the Thanksgiving sermon. Elder Nixon is "turning things." At the Baptist church in the evening there was a literary entertainment followed by a banquet. The oration by Miss M. Stubbs of Wartrace was profound; the essay by Miss B. C. Trail was timely and well written. At Woodfork Chapel there was a reunion of all the members. The pastor had the old members hauled to the church in carriages, etc. The program for the closing of the public school is one of the most unique ever seen here. Its shows at a glance what the Negroes are doing. Miss Ellen Mitchell came home from her school quite sick with fever. Mrs. Louis Myers is improving slowly. Little Annie Gill was buried last week. Several parties attended the exhibition at Bellbuckle last week.

Shot by a White Man.

Temple, Tex., Special.

E. M. Pettigrew, one of the most prominent colored men of this city was shot Tuesday morning by James Gray, a white man. Mr. Pettigrew owns and operates a transfer and dray line. The white man is in the same business. Trouble arose about the delivery of some freight. The lodges of Temple gave a union entertainment Saturday night. Rev. Henderson of Houston preached an interesting sermon at the Second Baptist church. Rev. L. W. Mackey has returned to the city. Rev. J. R. Bryant, pastor of the A. M. E. church is attending the annual conference at Austin. L. M. Mitchell of Austin, Grand Chancellor of the K. of P., was in the city last week on lodge business. C. B. Fuller was in the city last week. Allen Lindsey is out on his run.

Phyllis Wheatley Club.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Special.

The supper at the A. M. E. church Thanksgiving, was a grand success. Mrs. H. H. Tillman managed the affair. Mrs. Burnett, of Decatur, lectured at the Second Baptist church Wednesday evening, after which the ladies gave a brown supper, which proved a success. C. H. Gale, left Friday for Ft. Wayne, Ind. His wife will join him soon. Mrs. M. J. Wildman will leave for Denver, Col., in January. C. Thompson, of Bloomingdale, was the guest of Frank Evans last week. Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Sena, of Battle Creek, are the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Smith. Bert Hackley has returned from Battle Creek. Mr and Mrs. E. Thompson, of Osterno, were the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Stewart Thanksgiving. H. W. White has opened a meat market on Walbridge street. The Frederick Douglass club held its meeting at the A. M. E. church Tuesday evening. Mrs. S. S. Wheatley presided. A solo, "When Skies are Blue," was rendered by Mr. Oglesby. Song, "The St. Louis Cyclone," Bessie Hackley; solo "When Violets are There," Marth Cousins; reading, Mr. Wheatley. The Slavin's Minstrels gave an entertainment at Odd Fellows' hall Dec. 8th. Admission 10 and 15 cents Rev. Brown, of Ypsilanti, is in the city, the guest of Albert White's family. Mrs. John Battles, of Chicago, has been visiting her sister. Mrs. Nancy Wilson has left for Detroit. Miss Mary Weaver, of Grand Rapids, is the guest of Mrs. Louise Boldon. Mrs. John Robbins is seriously ill. Rev. Z. A. Ferrier left last week for Georgia. Mr. and and Mrs. Johnson have moved on Park street

Logansport Gleanings.

Logansport, Ind., Special.

George Parker, captain of the High school football team was injured in the game Thanksgiving against Pens A. C. in which the sturdy high school players came out victorious by a score of 10 to 0. Parker's injuries are not serious. Miss Hattie Clay is seriously ill with rheumatism. Harry, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Parker, is sick with pneumonia. John Parker and family spent Thanksgiving in Indianapolis. Rev. Lewis Pettiford, pastor of the A. M. E. church, delivered the sermon before the Ministerial Board Monday morning at the Second Presbyterian church. The Thanksgiving entertainment at the A. M. E. church was a grand success. Total amount $35. The following ladies are the officers elected by the stewards board: Mrs. L. G. Brooks, president; Mrs. Frank Carter, secretary; Mrs. C. S. Jones, treasurer. C. S. Jones filled Elder Pettiford's pulpit Sunday at 10:30. The following are on the sick list: Janett Jones, Horace Allen, typhoid fever; Aunt Mary Hill, la grippe.

Social and Personal Mention.

Niles, Mich., Special.

Mr. Jessie Carter has opened a paint shop in the Belknap block on Main street, and is doing some very fine work on carriages and cutters. Mr. Carter is one of our young enterprising men. He expects to employ hands. A number of young men have organized an orchestra, and are doing nicely under the leadership of Prof. Blackett. The parlor rehersal club gave a very interesting program last week. They meet once each week. Mrs. John Hathaway was called to Detroit on account of the illness of her brother, Geo. Winborn, formerly of this city. Quite a number of our people attended a dance at Cassopolis last week. All report a splendid time. Invitations were out announcing a social dance at Hotel Niles on the evening of the 25th, but it failed to materialize. Rev. Brightmin and wife of Benton Harbor, Mich., visited Mrs. John Courts last week, on their way to South Bend, Ind. Mrs. Bell Russell of Cassopolis, passed through the city recently enroute to South Bend, Ind., to visit friends. The hustling agent Arthur Harrod, hopes to have quite a number of subscribers for The Freeman. All news can be given him when he makes collections. "South Before The War" played in our city the 28th. Jessie Carter and lady friend visited Cassopolis last week.

Mobile Mites.

Mobile, Ala., Special.

Divine services were held in all the churches in the city Thanksgiving day. One of the most sympathizing features was the dinner held at the Mobile County Asylum Poor House, and the City Hospital. The feast was enjoyed by the inmates. Rev. A. F. Owens managed the affair, assisted by Mesdames, Banks, Gazzon and Hill, who manifested no little interest in the work. Among some of the popular visitors were Mesdames Cook, Williams, Johnson, and Editor A. N. Johnson. During the absence of Dr. A. C. Garner, Rev. A. F. Owens will fill the pulpit of the First Congregational church. All who wish to assist in making Emancipation day one long to be remembered, will please leave names at the Press office. Sister Mary Green, president of the Good Samaritan No. 2, is dead. She was beloved by all of the community. Rev. J. F. Moreland, assisted by Revs. Smith and Owens, paid a worthy tribute to her memory. All of the order turned out. She was 84 years old. Company B, 1st C. I. A. S. T., Gilmer Rifles, are making preparations to attend the fair next year. C. T. Harbert, captain. Dr. A. L. Strong has removed his office from St. Michael to Dauphin street. Much admiration is tendered Mr. Boyd's new car. He is one of Mobile's popular undertakers.

Temple Happenings.

Temple, Tex., Special.

Rev. R. D Taylor, pastor of the Baptist church at San Anglo, Tex., is visiting in the city this week. Rev. A. J. Scott, pastor of the A. M. E. church at Houston, Tex., is visiting in Temple this week. He will move his family here soon. Civil service examination for clerks and carries was held in Temple the 5th. Three colored applicants were examined. Mrs. P. A. Wade was on the sick list last week. Miss Addie E. Saunders left Wednesday the 25th for Brenham, Tex., to visit friends and relatives. Rev. L. W. Mackey was in Rochdale, Tex. J. W. Wilkins made a flying trip to Waco Saturday. Mr. C. M. Pettigrew who was shot a few days ago is improved. Miss Dellie Lewis of Brenham, Tex., visited friends and relatives here last week,

Ladies Educational Entertainment.

Hope, Ark., Special.

The marriage of Miss Nettie Holt and Mr. A. W. Clark was a grand success, Rev. J. E. McDade preached his farewell sermon last Sunday. He will leave Hope for Washington, where the C. M. E. conference will convene. Mrs. Florence Elliott will close her school Friday, and will go home to spend the winter. Bishop Bebee preached at McDade's church Monday night. Prof. H. S. Shaw was in Hope last Saturday. Rev. J. D. Dennis preached an able sermon Sunday. D. J. Dickson is still in town. The Sabbath school was not well attended last Sunday. Mrs. Z. R. Reeves and her sister, Miss Emma Yancy left for Camden on the first to spend Christmas. Another teacher is wanted in our colored school department. Several are compatant. Mrs. A. C. Chambers is on the sick list. The ladies are having an educational entertainment to raise money to pay for a room that has been attached to the school house.

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Meeting of District Conference.

Macon, Miss., Special.

The District conference of the Aberdeen district, upper Mississippi conference, was held at St. Paul M. E. church Nov. 18 25, Rev. H. R. Revels, presiding, with Rev. M. C. McElwee, P. C. The ministers and friends donated $36 for a suit for the presiding elder. A grand banquet was held Friday night. Rev. S. R. Gipson, pastor of Aberdeen, and Rev. S. H. Nevils, P. C. of Macon county, attended the grand "Feast in the Wilderness" entertainment given at New Hope M. E. church, Macon, Friday night, the 20th ult., $65.30 being raised. Thanksgiving day was celebrated amid much pomp and ceremony at New Hope school, James E. Washington, principal. S. S. Hunter, of Cincinnati, is residing at Macon.

A Surprise Party.

Decatur, Mich., Special.

There was a surprise party at the residence of Ulysses Brown in honor of James Cotton. Mrs. Rose Carpenter went to Kalamazoo Wednesday to visit her sister. Ellsworth Weaver went to Pawpaw Friday to see his brother Henry and other friends. Ed. Wilson and Theodore Lowrey spent Thanksgiving in Cass county. Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Burnett spent Thanksgiving in Kalamazoo Abram Burnett, assisted by Miss Ellen Burnett, gave a lecture Wednesday night at the Baptist church on "Health and Temperance." The Giant Quartette company of Chicago, were here on the 8th.

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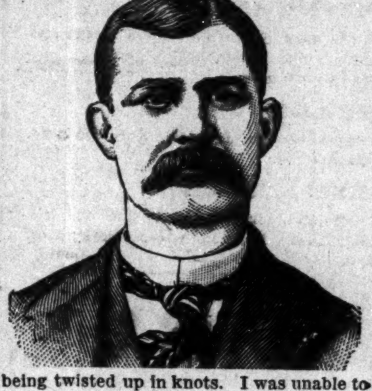

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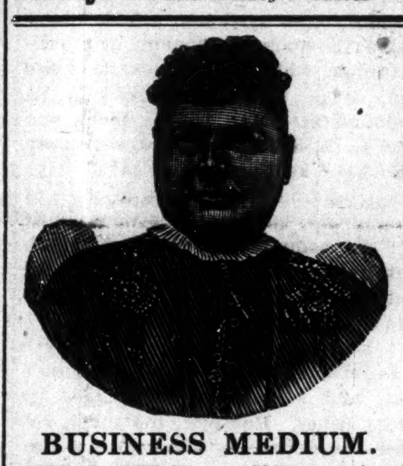

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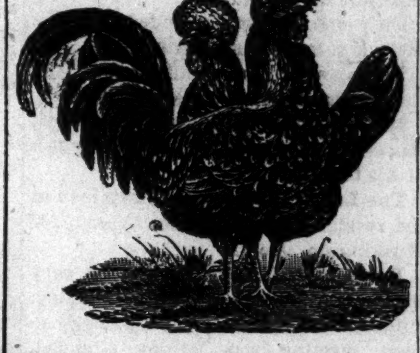

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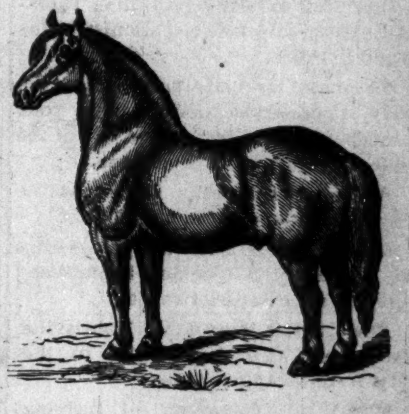

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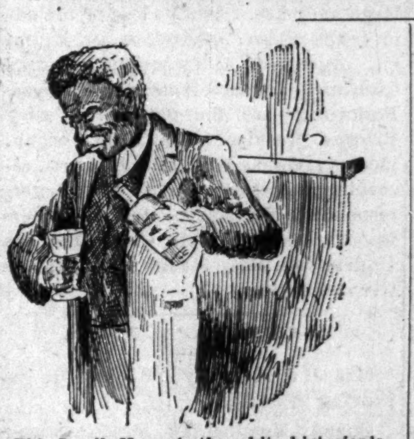
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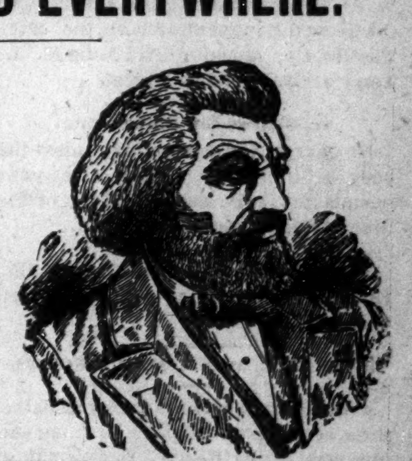
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CITY HAPPENINGS—PERSONAL.

Hear Mrs. Dr. Porter at the Holiday Dulcet.

Paul Floyd returned from Muncie last week.

Hear the artistic chorus at the Holiday Dulcet.

Mrs. Emma Jenkins, of Peoria, Ill., has located in the city.

Mme. Essie Fry-Hurt, the Queen of song at the Holiday Dulcet.

The gold medal duetist, Misses Lena Howard and Ora Spires on the 30th.

George F. and Alfred H. Anderson of Detroit, Mich., are in the city for a few weeks.

Mr. W. H. Walker the celebrated cornetist at the Holiday Dulcet.

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The entertainment of the season, the Holiday Dulcet on the 30th.

Born—Mr. and Mrs. Grant Coley a girl. Mother and daughter are doing well. Dr. Elbert attending.

The Nightengale of song, Mrs. Ella Crosby at the Second Baptist Church on the 30th.

A large amount of local and other interesting reading matter was unavoidably crowded out this week.

Don't fail to hear Mrs. Lillian Thomas-Fox, the scientific elecutionist at the Holiday Dulcet.

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Wait for the Holiday Dulcet at the Second Baptist Church on the 30th.

Mattie Woods has filed proceedings for legal seperation against her husband Albert, in the Superior court.

Rev. Charles Murrell, of Nobelsville, was found dead in a stable in that city Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Virgie Thompson, of Birmingham, Ala., is visiting her mother Mrs. Leana Moore, on S. Missouri street.

Chas Jordan, Henderson Skinner and Elwood Knox, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Stewart in Chicago Sunday.

You should hear the up-to-date contralto Mrs. Kathryn Crossen-Harper, at the Second Baptist church on the 30th.

Dr. E. P. Roberts, of New York City spent several days in the city the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Shelton, on W. North street.

The very best literary talent of the city will participate in the Holiday Dulcet at the "Old Second."

Mme Essie Fry-Hurt will be the star of the evening at the Holiday Dulcet.

Rev. J. Clay Coleman, financial agent of the Ontario Conference, of the A. M. E. church, is in the city to lecture at some of the churches.

Miss Lucy Tunsel entertained a small company at the residence of Mrs. Louis Brown in West North street Monday evening in honor of Sheridan Davis.

Mrs. T. Mitchell gave a luncheon last Thursday in honor of Miss Lucille Harris. Miss Harris leaves next week for Henderson, Ky., to visit relatives.

Invitations are out, announcing the wedding of Miss Margaret Ewing and Geo. Worthington, Thursday, Dec. 24th at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Morgan 261 W. Sixth street. At home, 124 Mill street, after Jan. 1, '97.

For the general benefit of the young people of the city, the Holiday Dulcet.

The low register basso profundo Mr. W. D Collins at the Holiday Dulcet at the Second Baptist church on the 30th. The Hoosier Mocking Bird Mme M. L. Terry at the Holiday Dulcet.

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BETHEL A. M. E. CHURCH NOTES.

Last Sabbath being rally day at Bethel three services were held. Morning service was led by Rev. J. C. Coleman of Windsor, Ont. At 3 p. m. Rev. John G. Mitchell, Dean of Payne Theological Seminary occupied the pulpit, delivering a sermon rich in spiritual fervor. At 7:30 Rev. Graham the pastor preached. The choir rendered excellent music and contributed in no small degree to the success of the day. There were several accessions to the church. The method of collection was by roll-call, each member being asked to pay $1. The cash thus collected was $428; the East End Club reported $42.25, and others $63, making the total up to date $533 00.

The Twentieth Century Literary Association was formed at this church Tuesday evening for the purpose of raising funds for the Theological Seminary at Wilberforce, O. The institution is represented by Dr. J. G. Mitchell Dean of the Seminary. Following officers were elected to serve a term of six months: Samuel Givens, president; Ida B. Hall vice president; Essie Johnson, corresponding secretary; Wm. M. Lewis, G. L. Jones and A. C. Simms, executive committee. The meetings will be held Tuesday evenings. Hon. G. L. Jones, representative-elect, will address the Association at the next meeting, Dec. 15th.

CORINTHIAN CHURCH NOTES.

There was one addition to the chruch last Sunday evening.

Miss Lamma Mason, a former member, addressed the Sunday school last Sunday.

Elder J. J. Blackshear preached a beautiful sermon last Sunday morning, subject "Christ on the Cross." His sermon was logical and pointed. His subject to-morrow morning will be, "How Satan tried to Tempt Christ."

The Ladies Aid Society, after paying for an additional room to the church at a cost of $170, still have a neat sum which they will turn over to the church to be applied on the main indebtedness.

Rev. Blackshear organized ten clubs last week, known as the "Ten Virgins:" Mesdames, Hulda Webb, Birdie Young, Kittie Minter, Lucinda Thomas, Mollie Brown, Virgie E. Lewis, S. A. Coleman, Katie Reid and Lucy Jones. The clubs have started to work in earnest. Mrs. Lewis will lead with a "Basket Social" to be given at the church next Wednesday evening the 16th, admission 5cts. This will be followed by a "Masque Social" at an early date.

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES.

Rev. J. R. Miller of Edinburg was with us last week.

The concert by the Magnolia Quartette was a grand success.

Fifty-one persons attended the five o'clock a. m. prayer meeting.

There were four additions to the church last Sunday; collection $61.65.

Mrs. Anna Rickman, of Champaign, Ill., a relative of Dr. Carr, is a guest of his family.

The Ladies Circle was entertainen at the residence of Mrs. Theo. Banket, 235 Muskingum street.

Rev. Chas. Johnson preached a very instructive sermon at 11 a. m Sunday, subject "Will Power;" at 2 p. m. covenant meeting was largely attended, after which 425 members communed. At 8 p. m. Dr. Carr preached, subject, "The Lion of the Tribe of Judah."

ALLEN CHAPEL NOTES.

Miss Fannie Hardrick is on the sick list.

Charles Green is the director of the choir.

Two hundred and twenty-six communed last Sunday.

Richard Blakey of Washington joined the church last Sunday.

There will be a union meeting of the Christian Endeavors of the city next Monday evening.

The trio-solo rendered by Miss Lillian Warfield and Rev. Murray and wife was roundly applauded.

The Missionary Society, with its energetic president, Mrs. Ella Williams, is doing a grand work. An interesting program was rendered Sunday afternoon

By request, Rev. Murray will finish the sermon to the middle aged ladies next Sunday evening. Theme, "A Woman Clothed with the Sun."

Grand rally report continued: John Pettiford $6.10; J. H. Young, 50c; Fred Brown, $1.40; Phil Broadus, $2.25; Mary Stewart $1.

Dr. Mitchell Dean of Paynes' Theological Seminary, Rev. Coleman and wife of Windsor, Ont., are in the city, the guest of Rev. Murray and wife. Dr. Mitchell preached two excellent sermons last Sunday.

"An Educated Ministry" was the subject of Dr. Mitchell's address last Monday evening. He handled it in a masterly way to the satisfaction of a large audience. At the close of the address the pastor, assisted by Dr. Mitchell, organized a Twentieth Century Club with a membership of fifty-three. Following are the officers: Wesley Bridges, president; Miss Allie Morgan, vice president; Miss Nellie Myers, recording secretary; Hayes Brown, corresponding secretary; George Underwood treasurer; Ollie Clay, Mrs. Ida Underwood, Mrs. Mamie Kelly, executive committee.

PENICK CHAPEL NOTES.

Mrs J. J. Kennedy and child are improving in health.

Quartly Meeting last Sunday was a success. Rev. G. B. Lynch preached quite a soul stirring sermon; theme, "Love" at 3 p. m. Rev. Wagner preached at 7:30. We had a large number of communicants.

NINTH PRESBYTERIAN NOTES.

Rev. B. Hillman, of Cincinnati. delivered an address Sunday evening to quite a large congregation. Music was furnished by a quartette of the Magnolia Concert Troupe, with Mr. Sheridan Davis as leader. The music was excellent.

A musical and literary entertainment will be given by the Young People's Aid society at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Taylor, 1135 North Alabama street, Tuesday evening, for the benefit of the Ninth Presbyterian church. Public invited. Admission 15c.

The Literary had a very interesting meeting last Tuesday evening, although a number of persons who were on the program were not present, there was a substantial rendition of the program. In style, composition and general merit Mrs. Beulah Wright-Porter's paper on "Woman's Possibilities" certainly reached high-water mark. None who listened to the paper can even doubt that Mrs. Porter is thoroughly acquainted with the achievements of her sex. Hereafter the literary will meet the second and fourth Tuesday evening instead of only once a month as heretofore. The next meeting will be held on the 22nd.

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The alleged refusal of Merchant Lee to aid in contributing to the inmates of the Alpha Home, an institution founded for old and decrepit colored women of this city, has caused much comment. While his refusal in aiding this worthy institution is anything but commendable, he, at the same time states a homely truth when he says that the more well-to-do colored people should care for their own aged poor. As has been stated, the home was donated by a philanthropic white woman several years ago, since which time, through its main officers—Mrs. C. A. Webb and Mrs. G. L. Knox—"appearances" only have been kept up. These ladies have struggled from time to time in hopes of creating a responsive, benevolent spirit in the community, but it availeth but little. Their efforts are awarded but little beyond a sack of flour, a package of coffee or a pound of sugar.

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Such articles, are of course, necessities, and are always appreciated by these ladies. However, too much has been left undone by our wealthier citizens. In their prosperity they are too prone to overlook the conditions and wants of those who have been forced by circumstances to live in squalor and poverty. The statement made by Merchant Lee is a sad reflection on the prosperous Negro citizen. With the thirty or more colored churches, the large number of clubs, lodges and societies, Alpha Home should have a contribution of no less than $100 per month. The managers could then enlarge and beautify the home and make other needed improvements. True, the churches, two or three of them, have in time contributed small sums, but we must add here that the religious bodies have never exhibited the zeal and earnestness that they should.

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In face of the fact that Indianapolis colored people have only one institution under their jurisdiction, it can be nothing more than a blight on them that the said institution should be forced to appeal to white citizens on each and every occasion. Each time such appeals are made, brands the race as paupers and beggars. And can a pauper command the same respect as he who strives and toils for himself? So it is with a nation; we must help our own poor and distressed; we must be loyal and patriotic. Out of all the many colored organizations in this city, the largest amount ever contributed at one time was $20 by the Christian Endeavor Societies.

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The ungrateful, like the poor, are always with us. Neglectful and insensible to favors received, showing a lack of appreciation, recognizing no obligation as binding, accepts no trust, but to prove false, knows no friend but to betray, is the make-up of a number of treasonable, perfidious, false and insidious individuals who infest our homes to-day under the garb of friendship.

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Rumors are afloat that two other members have been added to the "Widows Club," far-famed for its large membership. Next!

Night School.

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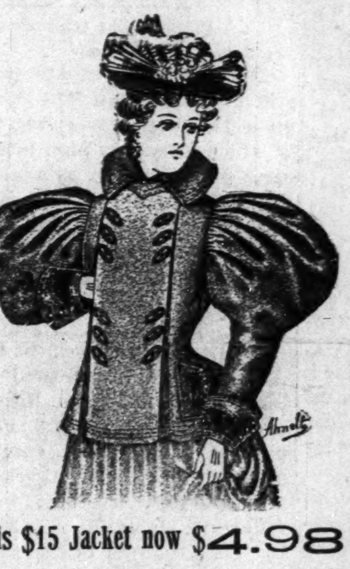

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